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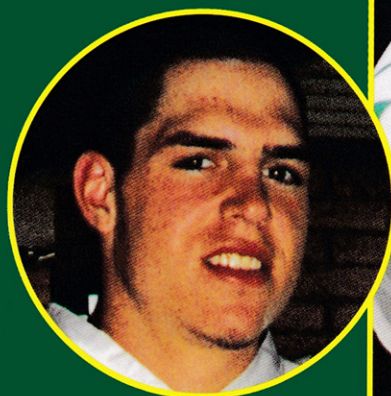
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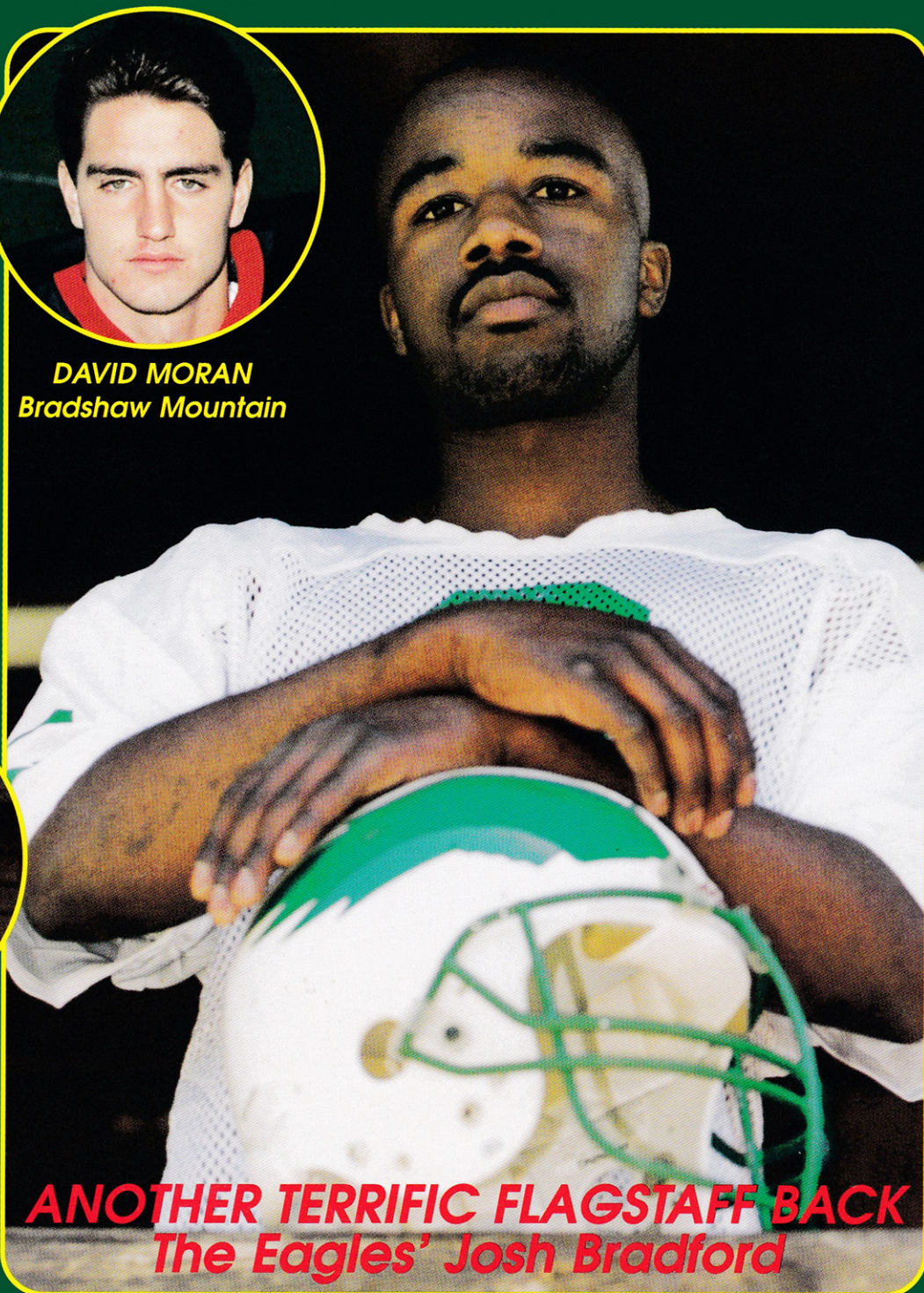
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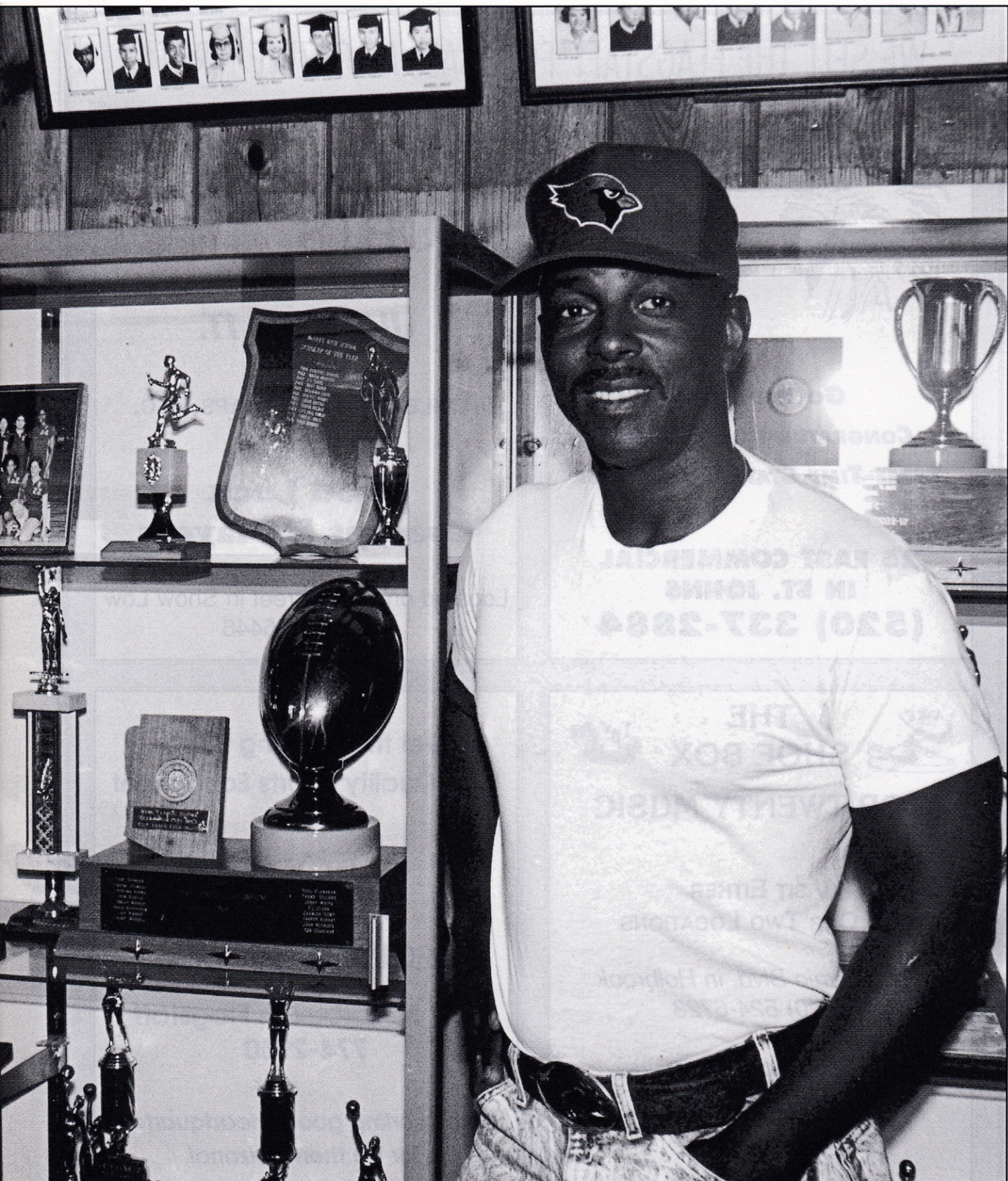
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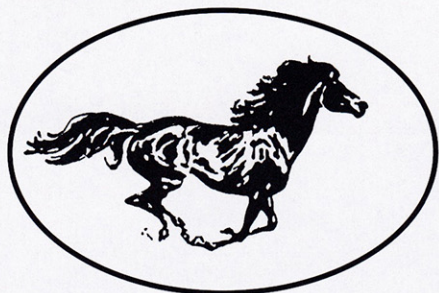
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ARIZONA'S WHITE A PROVEN LEADER



By Joseph Barry Sollenberger

It wasn't long ago when the Arizona football team considered an eight-win season and a bowl appearance a success.

From 1960 to 1990, the Wildcats won eight games in a season just eight times and saw action in six bowl games.

A year ago, Arizona was 8-4, good enough for a Freedom Bowl bid and a No. 20 ranking in both the AP and USA Today/CNN final polls.

But while in 1965 students might have danced on Speedway over a season like that, many in Tucson weren't impressed with the Cats' year, especially after Utah spoiled the bowl party, 16-13.

After all, Arizona was *Sports Illustrated's* preseason No. 1, thanks to a "Desert Swarm" defense that was hailed like the Pope.

But things are different this year as expectations are not as great. That hardly means that coach Dick Tomey is conceding the Pac-10 title to somebody in southern California.

"I believe we will have the personnel," Tomey said, "if some of our newcomers come through and play defense at the same level we've established over the last three years."

If the Wildcats are to play in Pasadena New Year's Day for the first time ever, they will need a mammoth-sized performance from their defense. Arizona returns just three starters on offense and Tomey must replace every '94 starter on the offensive line. In short, Arizona's front seven is more unsettled than Bosnia.

"Overall, our biggest job will be getting the offensive line to jell once we begin to play in the fall," continues Tomey. "It's

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Oct. 28at Washington State
Nov. 4at Oregon State
Nov. 11at Oregon
Nov. 24at Arizona State

WILDCAT NEWCOMERS

Player/Pos/Size	Hometown	Player/Pos/Size	Hometown
Dan Loyd, qb, 6-2, 200	.....San Gabriel, CA	James Lewis, l, 6-5, 240	.....Bell, CA
Marcus Bell, b, 6-2, 210	.....St. Johns, AZ	Cai McCray, l, 6-4, 260	.....Santa Maria, CA
Trung Canidate, b, 6-0, 173	.....Phoenix, AZ	Ian McCutcheon, l, 6-5, 280	.....Long Beach, CA
Leland Gayles, b, 5-9, 170	.....Renton, WA	Frank Middleton, l, 6-5, 305	.....Beaumont, TX
Daren Hooper, b, 6-1, 205	.....Woodside, CA	Ted Printy, l, 6-4, 270	.....San Diego, CA
Kelvin Hunter, b, 5-11, 170	.....Los Angeles, CA	Dolphin Tillman, l, 6-3, 220	.....Lynwood, CA
Rashee Johnson, b, 6-0, 180	.....S.F., CA	Van Tuinei, l, 6-4, 260	.....Westminster, CA
Rafell Jones, b, 5-10, 180	.....San Diego, CA	Ryan Turley, l, 6-7, 260	.....Mesa, AZ
DaShon Polk, b, 6-3, 210	.....Pacoima, CA	Chima Ugwu, l, 6-4, 290	.....Enugu, Nigeria
Mikal Smith, b, 5-10, 175	.....Knoxville, TN	Ega Usu, l, 6-3, 260	.....Lawndale, CA
Scooter Sprotte, b, 5-9, 190	.....Lakeside, AZ	Tevete Usu, l, 6-3, 300	.....Lawndale, CA
Rodney Williams, b, 6-1, 180	.....Palmdale, CA	Mark McDonald, pk, 6-1, 180	.....S. Monica, CA
Rusty James, l, 6-3, 260	.....Mesa, AZ		

*Johnson, Williams, McCray, James, McCutcheon, Middleton, Tuinei, Turley, Ugwu, T. Usu are JC transfers.

going to take some work to develop a good line, but that's what coaching is about."

Look for Willie Walker (6-3, 293) and David Watson (6-5, 250) to push junior college transfers Ian McCutcheon (6-5, 280) and Ryan Turley (6-7, 260) for the tackle spots. At least seven players are fighting for two guard spots and the 'Cats are counting on former starter and injury plagued Mani Ott (6-3, 255) at center. At tight end, Damon Terrell, Tim Thomas and Mike Lucky will fight for time.

Fortunately for the 'Cats, they have a proven leader at quarterback in senior Dan White. He threw 14 TD passes last year and his .571 completion percentage set a school record. White came on down the stretch last season, throwing for 370 and 266 yards against USC and ASU, respectively, in Arizona's final two regular season games.

"Dan has shown he's a leader," Tomey adds. "He's helped us win 18 games the last two years."

When White takes to the air, he'll most likely be looking for Richard Dice (56 catches for 969 yards) or senior wideout Cary Taylor.

In the backfield, the 'Cats lose 1,000 yard rusher Ontiwaun Carter but return a solid nucleus. Fullback Charles Myles and tailbacks Kevin Schmidtke and Gary Taylor will get the majority of the carries.

While the Arizona offensive attack has improved in recent years, it's still the squad's defensive unit that causes opponents to have cold sweats.

Consensus All-American Tedy Bruschi (DE) and All-Pac-10 safety Brandon Sanders, both seniors, are the leaders.

Up front, Bruschi (6-1, 255) and tack-

les Chuck Osborne (6-2, 280) and Joe Salave'a (6-4, 270) are enough to make a tailback wish he missed the bus. They combined for 35 tackles for losses and 24 sacks.

"Tedy, Chuck and Joe give us a tremendous start on the defensive line," says Tomey. "They know what it takes and they know how to give that effort."

Bruschi (see photo) is particularly scary. He was a Lombardi Trophy finalist last season and has 37.5 sacks for his career. His signature game was the '94 Fiesta Bowl when he terrorized Miami in route to capturing the defensive MVP award for the contest.

"Tedy Bruschi has something special inside of him that makes him a great football player," says the head coach. "I didn't put it there. I'm damn glad it comes out every game; every snap. He has a motor that won't quit."

At linebacker, the 'Cats are solid with senior starter Charlie Camp, converted soph DE Mike Szlauko, redshirt sophomore Chester Burnett and junior two-year lettermen Armon Williams.

A year ago, Arizona was hurt too often by the big play. It should come as no surprise that Tomey is seeking improvement from his secondary.

"We were not at our best a year ago and we must improve in this area," concludes Tomey. "We think we have the people who can do that."

In addition to Sanders, the 'Cats return Kelly Malveaux, a sophomore who earned five starts as a corner a year ago. Soph Chuck Rich should replace the departed Tony Bouie at free safety and Derrick Stewart, Shawn Parnel and Skeeter Harrington will fight for the other corner.

SUN DEVILS RIDING ON PLUMMER'S RIGHT ARM



By Joseph Barry Sollenberger

It hasn't been 50 years since an Arizona State football team last went to a bowl game.

It just seems that way.

In 1987, Ronald Reagan was President, no one knew of Garth Brooks and Yugoslavia was a country when the Devils last went bowling.

Coach Bruce Snyder intends to get ASU back in post season play this fall, but that won't be easy. The Devils return only 11 starters from a 3-8 squad of a year ago (their worst since 1946) and play a schedule tougher than raw meat.

Three of ASU's first five games are on the road, and those opponents – Washington, Nebraska and USC – are probably good enough to scare the Dallas Cowboys.

It won't be easy for Snyder to turn the program around this season, but he remains optimistic.

"We've got a lot of young guys who have come quite a ways," Snyder says. "But there are some players who have got to get better faster."

Fortunately for Snyder, he has a leader in quarterback Jake Plummer. The junior signal-caller completed 54 percent of his passes for 2,179 yards and 15 TDs a year ago.

"Jake has the entire package," Snyder says. "A lot of quarterbacks can throw the football deep, but Jake can pass the football deep to a spot and hit the spot. That is something you can't teach."

When Plummer goes to the air, he'll most likely be looking for WR Keith Poole and TE Steve Bush. Poole caught 31 passes for 669 yards and six TDs last season. Bush returns from knee and ankle injuries that caused him to miss most of last year.

"I'm really confident in Jake and Poole and Bush," adds Snyder. "Bush is up to 255 pounds, and I think he's quicker. The

SUN DEVIL NEWCOMERS

Player/Pos/Size	Hometown	Player/Pos/Size	Hometown
Chad Brown, qb, 6-1, 180	Monterey, CA	Sam Tagaloa, ol, 6-4, 300	Daly City, CA
Jay Hinton, rb, 6-1, 180	Phoenix, AZ	Hamilton Mee, dl, 6-3, 245	Mingus, AZ
J.R. Redmond, rb, 6-1, 190	Carson, CA	Ryan Reilly, dl, 6-4, 270	Yorba Linda, CA
Joby Bratcher, wr, 6-2, 185	Clovis, CA	Kurt Wallin, dl, 6-2, 240	Mesa, AZ
Derrick Charles, wr, 5-11, 165	Ft. Scott, KS	Ken Westerhaus, dl, 6-5, 250	Glendale, AZ
Lenzie Jackson, wr, 6-0, 180	Milipitas, CA	James Kelly, lb, 6-2, 225	Riverside, CA
Kenny Mitchell, wr, 6-4, 190	Peoria, AZ	Derek Smith, lb, 6-2, 225	American Fork, UT
Isaiah Mustafa, wr, 6-4, 208	Oxnard, CA	Phillip Brown, db, 6-0, 180	Bakersfield, CA
Kendrick Bates, te, 6-5, 220	Ontario, CA	Kareem Clark, db, 5-9, 170	Yorba Linda, CA
Devin Kendall, te, 6-3, 240	Fremont, CA	Courtney Jackson, db, 6-1, 190	DeSoto, TX
Jeff Johannesen, ol, 6-5, 305	Phoenix, AZ	Ricky Boyer, rs, 5-10, 175	Compton, CA
Thomas Schmidt, ol, 6-6, 240	Ontario, CA	Robert Nycz, pk, 5-11, 185	Bakersfield, CA
Al Simpson, ol, 6-6, 290	Riverside, CA		

*Charles, Mustafa, Kendall, Simpson, Tagaloa, Mee, Smith, Nycz are JC transfers.

issue, I think, will come down to whether we'll hold on protection."

At times over the past seven seasons, it seemed that the Devils played with no offensive line. The quarterback would take the snap from center and immediately have four defensive linemen in his face.

For the safety of Plummer, the ASU coaching staff wants things to be different this fall and there is hope. The Devils return three offensive linemen - center Kirk Robertson (6-5, 294), RG Pat Thompson (6-1, 303) and LT Juan Roque (6-8, 313). Junior Roque is ASU's best lineman and is touted as one of the top tackles in the country.

"He has the talent to be one of the best linemen to ever play here," insists offensive coordinator Dan Cozzetto. "He also plays with the mentality of a defensive lineman."

Look for sophomores Glen Gable (6-5, 281) and Kyle Murphy (6-4, 262) to nab the other starting spots among the front seven.

The Devils also appear set at tailback, where senior Chris Hopkins (see photo) will be the starter. He rushed for 680 yards on 169 carries a year ago.

"Chris absolutely loves the game of football and he wears it on his sleeve," says Snyder. "He will be the perfect senior leader playing an important position on this football team."

Sophomores Terry Battle (see photo) and Marlon Farlow will compete for carries behind Hopkins.

Defensively, the Devils yielded 440.8 yards a game - the most in school history - and 31.6 points per contest. "We've got to shore up virtually everything we do defensively," Snyder said. "We need to get stouter and tougher inside."

Justin Dragoo (6-3, 231) leads a group of at least seven linebackers. Dragoo, a sixth-year senior, was granted a rare sixth year of eligibility from the NCAA because of a career stricken with knee injuries.

Sam Santana, Chris Finn and Ty Wade are also expected to contribute.

At rover, senior Lee Cole (6-0, 191) is pencilled in as the starter. Cole started four games last season, including the final three (Oregon, UCLA and Arizona). Sophomore Pat Tillman and redshirt-freshman Larry Johnson are the backups.

Senior Harlen Rashada is the most experienced rover-gunner on the squad. The 6-2, 202-pounder from Oakland, Calif., has started 16 games in his career and was fifth on the team in tackles with 61. Among his career highlights is a 37-yard fumble recovery for a touchdown against Stanford.

"Harlen will be an important part of our defensive game plan," says defensive coordinator Phil Snow. "He's a very good athlete who knows our system."

At tackle, the Devils have only one senior in Mike Balian. His status for this season, however, is still unclear because he's still recovering from a torn knee suffered last fall. While ASU is not deep at this position, it returns a couple of starters - Brent Burnstein (6-8, 240) and Shawn Swayda (6-4, 273).

Opposing quarterbacks loved the Devils' secondary a year ago. They would look for the big play and ASU often obliged by giving up huge chunks of yardage through the air. Improvement from the cornerbacks is a priority of Snyder's and it won't be easy, considering that Craig Newsome is now in the NFL.

Snyder does have a number of skilled athletes to choose from in Marcus Soward, Traivon Johnson, Lamont Morgan and Jason Simmons. At free safety, the Devils are looking for someone to replace two-year starter Eddie Cade. Sophomore Thomas Simmons appears to be the man. He played in 10 games a year ago. But watch for newcomer Mitchell Freedman, a former Phoenix Maryvale star with loads of potential.

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Sept. 2at Washington
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Sept. 16at Nebraska
Sept. 23OREGON STATE
Sept. 30at USC
Oct. 7STANFORD
Oct. 14BRIGHAM YOUNG
Oct. 28at Oregon
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Nov. 11at California
Nov. 24ARIZONA

NORTHERN ARIZONA'S GRAND CANNON



By Lonnie Collins

Entering the 1995 season, Northern Arizona head coach Steve Axman is concerned about replacing key players on both the offensive and defensive lines, and developing a backup at quarterback.

But after spring ball ended, the puzzle seemed to fall into place. At offensive tackle juniors Paul Yermin (6-5, 275) and Josh Housman (6-5, 260) looked sharp. The coaching staff moved big James Martin (6-4, 305), a native of Gallup, New Mexico, from defensive tackle to offensive guard and moved former Mesa Westwood star Dan Finn (6-4, 270) into the other guard slot. Young Ryan Lingenfelder (6-2, 280), a sophomore from Lake Havasu City, solidified himself as one of the league's best centers.

At quarterback, expect senior Jeff Lewis, a Walter Payton Award Candidate, to live up to expectation.

"Jeff is one of the finest quarterbacks in the country," says the Lumberjacks' head coach. "I believe that's true for any level. I think a strong indicator is we've had four to five pro scouts coming through who have already said he may be the top quarterback prospect for the NFL draft coming out next year west of the Mississippi."

Last year, Lewis completed 272 passes in 450 attempts (60%) for 3,355 yards and 26 TDs. In three seasons, the former Scottsdale Horizon star has made good on 576 passes in 1,003 attempts (57.4) for 7,229 yards and 45 touchdowns.

He broke the NAU single-game record for touchdowns when he tossed six scoring strikes in a 59-21 spanking of Southern Utah. Later, he passed for a career-high 409 yards in a 47-30 win over Montana State. He topped 300

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 Oct. 28at Idaho State
 Nov. 4IDAHO
 Nov. 11at Weber State

LUMBERJACK NEWCOMERS

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Travis Brown, qb, 6-4, 180	Phoenix, AZ	Josh Mello, dt, 6-3, 255	San Diego, CA
Cleveland Dansby, b, 6-0, 170	Phoenix, AZ	Ricky Solis, dl, 6-3, 245	Tucson, AZ
Afa Fariamo, rb, 5-10, 175	Long Beach, CA	Manuel Villegas, dt, 6-4, 255	Riverside, CA
Rian Weske, te, 6-5, 240	Phoenix, AZ	Tim Coffey, olb, 6-1, 210	Winslow, AZ
Kris Brewer, ot, 6-6, 290	Poway, CA	Keith Dykes, lb, 6-1, 230	Artesia, CA
Chris Gordon, ol, 6-3, 270	Tucson, AZ	Scott Hull, ilb, 6-0, 215	Yuma, AZ
Chris Mammen, ol/dl, 6-3, 274	Tucson, AZ	Jeff Thuneman, olb, 6-1, 205	L. Havasu, AZ
Paul Yermin, ot, 6-5, 275	Thousand Oaks, CA	Mike Giiame, ss, 6-0, 210	San Diego, CA
Nate Cast, dl, 6-3, 295	Canyon Springs, CA	Nate Miconi, ss, 6-0, 185	Roy, UT
Quinn Goldsberry, dl, 6-3, 225	S'dale, AZ	Jay Burns, k, 5-10, 170	Phoenix, AZ

*Yermin is a transfer from the Univ. of Nevada. Mello, Villegas, Dykes, Miconi are JC transfers.

yards passing in seven games. Ironically, as a schoolboy in Scottsdale, he was recruited by Arizona State to play baseball.

Battling for the backup role are Scott Partridge, a Scottsdale Chaparral product, Nathan Sanders from Peoria and Mike Good out of California.

The 'Jacks look solid at receiver, to say the least. Both Rod Marshall (5-10, 175) and junior Alex Calderwood (5-9, 170) are All-America candidates. Calderwood is a viable candidate as a punt returner, and one of the fastest players (4.4) on the team. At Denver Mullen High School, he was a member of a state championship 400-meter relay team.

Marshall, from Millikan High in Long Beach, returns after receiving a medical hardship. That's bad news for Big Sky opponents. He has great hands, exceptional leaping ability and goes over the middle. Marshall began the year as NAU's number-one receiver, but suffered a season-ending knee injury in the second game. He still managed nine catches for 168 yards. Soph wideout Jesus Reyes (5-7, 165), one of the most exciting players in the league, has some of the best moves this side of the Arthur Murray School of Dancing. He caught 50 passes last year and returned kicks.

Again, NAU has an All-American kicking candidate. Senior Kevin O'Leary should be one of the top punters in the nation. He has excellent hang time to go with a 42.0 average, with the longest 61 yards against Weber State. Last year he kicked a 50 yard field goal against Montana State.

A rare blend of power and speed make senior defensive back Rayna Stewart (5-11, 195) a hot commodity. Stewart is not only one of the best cover

corners, but an excellent run supporter who could go in the 1996 NFL draft. He was picked by his teammates and coaches as the 'Jacks' most improved player. A good scholar-athlete at Chatsworth, California. Axman also returns several all-conference candidates, starting with linebacker Stacey Ellis (5-11, 210) one of the top inside backers in the Big Sky. The tough senior started 11 games last year and landed Big Sky post-season honors.

Junior tailback Brian Galbreath (5-10, 170) is just 194 yards shy of cracking into the top 10 NAU career rushing ranks. The former Phoenix Cortez standout (see photo) was the 'Jacks' second leading rusher with 490 yards, averaging 5.3 yards and scoring six rushing touchdowns. He caught two TD passes. Speed and quickness are his attributes. In a 1991 high school game against Scottsdale Arcadia, Galbreath rushed for 353 yards and scored four TDs.

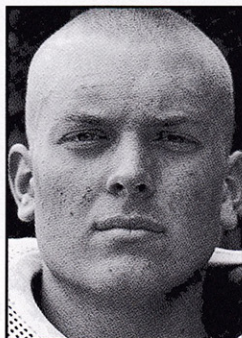
At tight end, NAU has a pro type receiver in 6-5, 240-pound Mason Hess out of Phoenix Thunderbird. One of the best senior athletes on campus, Hess throws the shot put for the track team and has won the intramural slam dunk contest twice. Last fall he caught 28 passes for 295 yards, averaging 10.5 yards per catch.

Defensive end Kevin Kolkman (6-3, 230) is another post-season candidate. One of the most intense players on the field, Kolkman switched from linebacker to defensive end. The former Mesa Westwood star is also feared on special teams. He registered 10 tackles against Boise State. Former Flagstaff all-stater Ben Petrucci (6-2, 258) lines up next to Kolkman at defensive tackle. Both these quality players are juniors.

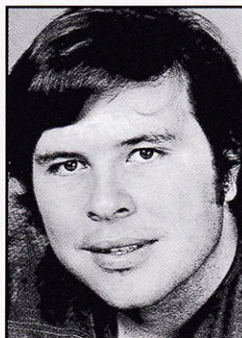
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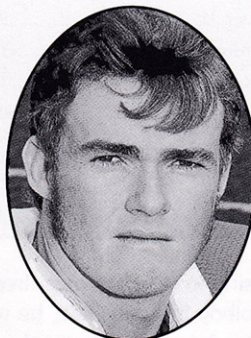
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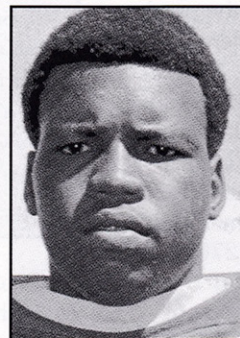
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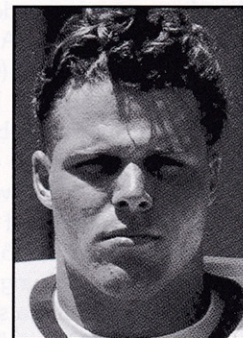
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 1989 Mike Ciasca, Tucson Sahuaro (OT)
 1988 Eric Ipock, Peoria (OT)
 1987 Richard Griffith, Tucson Catalina (DL)
 1986 Tim Landers, Round Valley (DT)
 1985 Gary Pay, Glendale Apollo (OT)
 1984 Vincent Byrd, Eloy Santa Cruz (DT)
 1983 Steve Spurling, Scottsdale Horizon (C)
 1982 Richard Bear, Moon Valley (DT)
 1981 Frank Rudolph, Scottsdale Coronado (DL)
 1980 Tom Briehl, Phoenix Gerard (T)
 1979 Dave Wood, Phoenix Washington (DL)
 1978 Doug Kellermeyer, Scottsdale Coronado (DL)
 1977 Marty Van Gorder, Chandler (C)
 1976 Jack Housely, Phoenix Maryvale (DL)
 1975 Phil Hedrick, Phoenix Maryvale (T)
 1974 Jimmy Moore, Tempe Marcos de Niza (DL)
 1973 Jon Abbott, Phoenix Central (T)
 1972 Keith Sobraske, Scottsdale Coronado (T)
 1971 Mike Dawson, Tucson (T)
 1970 Glen Gresham, Phoenix Union (OT)
 1969 Roger Kronberg, Tempe (OT)
 1968 Fernie Mendoza, Tucson Salpointe (T)
 1967 Ken Hatcher, Mesa (C)
 1966 Bill Dawson, Tucson (T)

1965 Bill Dawson, Tucson (T) jr.
 1964 Richard Griffin, Mesa Westwood (OT)
 1963 Curley Culp, Yuma (MG)
 1962 (TIE) Gary Swift, Scottsdale Arcadia (T)
 Bob Bertelsen, Scottsdale Arcadia (T)
 1961 Allen Thorn, Phoenix St. Mary's (C)
 1960 Ted Lawrence, South Mountain (G)
 1959 Dennis Couse, Tucson (T)
 1958 Stacey Ostland, South Mountain (C)
 1957 Wayne Magnusson, Phoenix West (G)
 1956 John Vucichevich, Miami (C)
 1955 Sumner Smith, Phoenix Union (T)
 1954 Al Carr, Phoenix Union (G)
 1953 Dick Nordmeyer, Tucson (DT)
 1952 Guy Barrickman, Tucson (T)
 1951 Robert Green, Phoenix Carver (T) jr.
 1950 Glenn Bowers, Mesa (G)
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Flagstaff's Josh Bradford rushed for 1,544 yards and scored 24 TDs in '94 (Jake Bacon/Arizona Daily Sun).

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QB....Spencer Young, Mingus Union, 6-2, 170
 QB....David Moran, Bradshaw Mountain, 6-0, 185
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 RB....Jason Kislingbury, Winslow, 6-1, 215 (jr)
 RB....Mack Peterson, Snowflake, 6-0, 165
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 LB....Brian Gerrity, Fountain Hills, 6-2, 210
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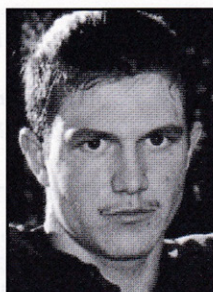
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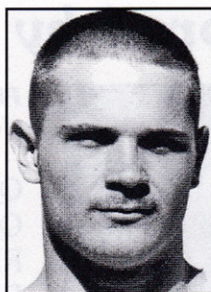
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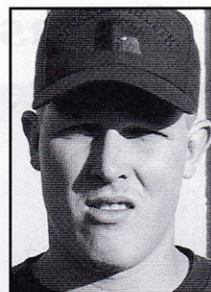
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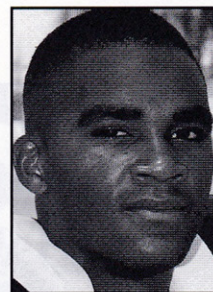
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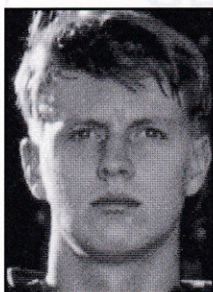
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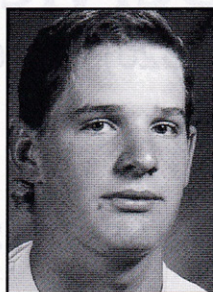
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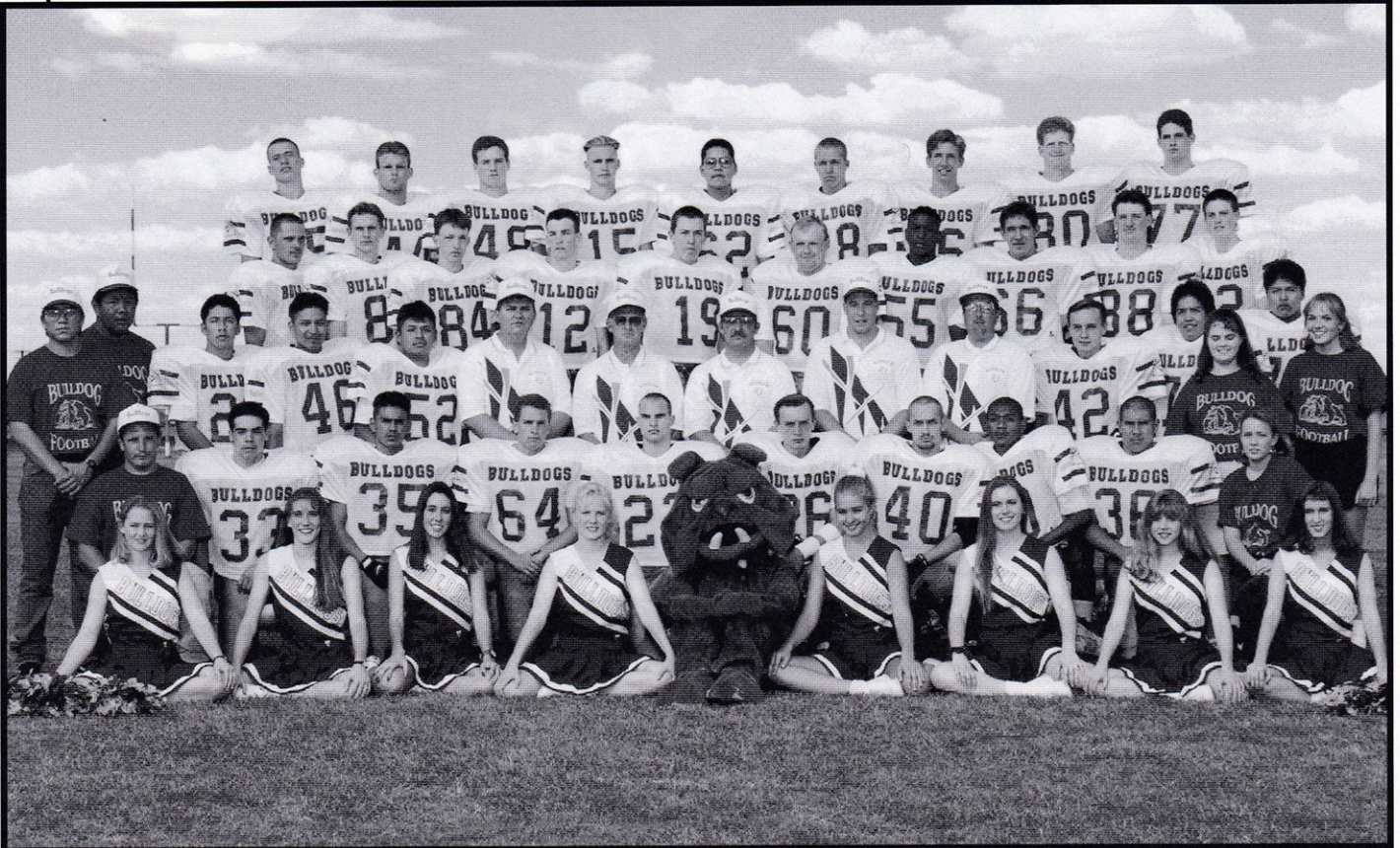
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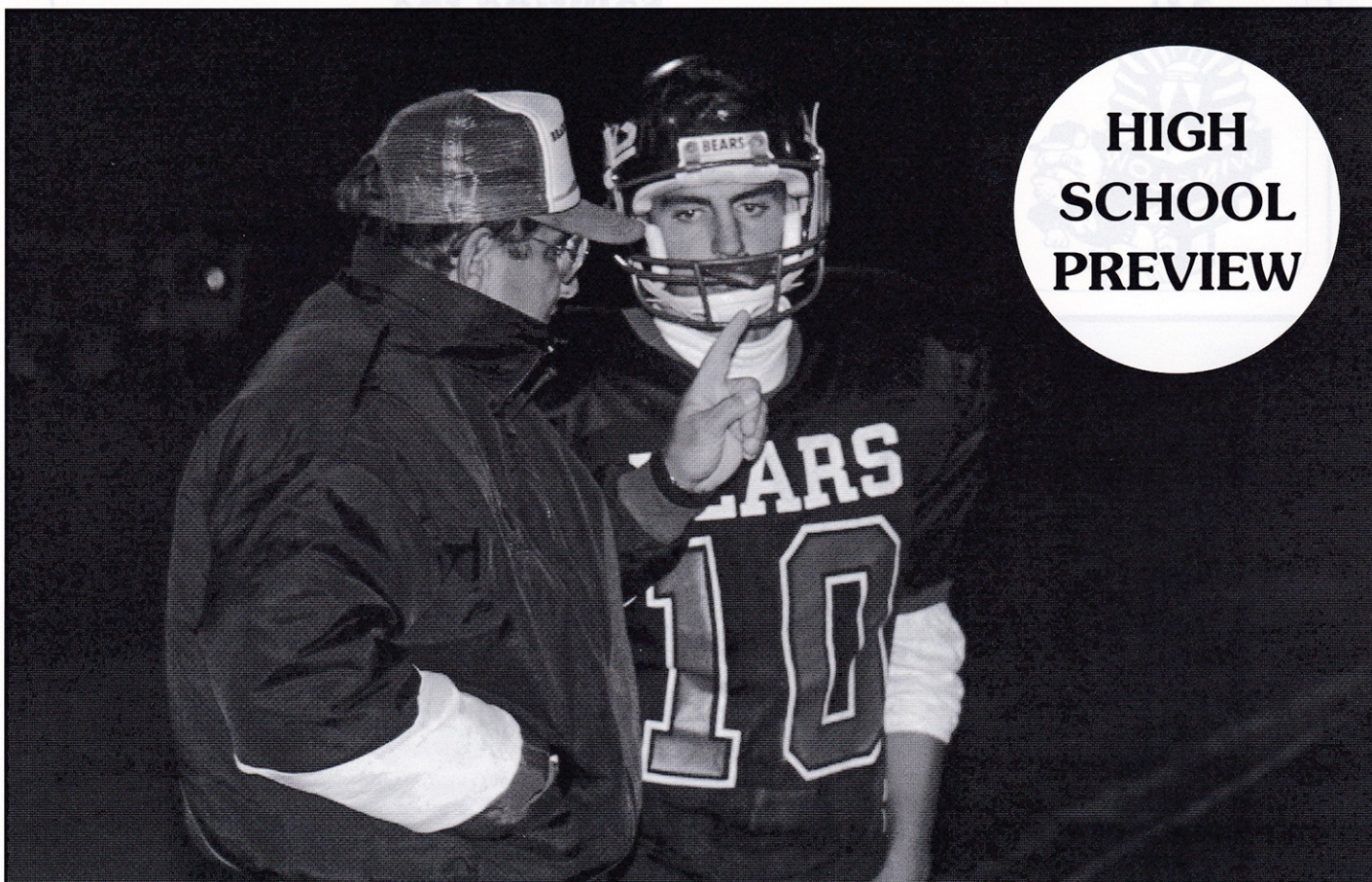
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The 1994 Winslow Bulldogs compiled an 11-2 record, advancing to the 3A championship game in the process.

- *All-time winningest high school football program in Northern Arizona history*
- *WHS has 411 football victories – fourth best in the Arizona record book*
- *Produced 50 first-team all-staters since 1922*
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- *Former coach Emil Nasser's 227 wins – fourth highest in state history*

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Bradshaw Mountain head coach Steve Moran and quarterback-son David confer on the sidelines during first round of the 1994 Class 3A playoffs. The Bears' aerial circus and stout defense make them an easy No. 1 pick (Prescott Valley Tribune photo).

Bradshaw's Black Bears Are Top Dogs

Over land or through the air, Northern Arizona's top-rated clubs look fast, deep and talented. In Class 4A, Flagstaff High returns the region's premier back, slick Josh Bradford (see cover), the next in a long line of talented Eagle runners. The likes of James Dugan, Stan Gill or David Winsley would be proud of this Eagle. In Class 3A, Bradshaw Mountain returns its talented signal caller, David Moran. The Bears' senior has passed for 3,736 yards and 50 touchdowns to date. Three-time state 2A champ St. Johns looks thin, with only four returning starters. But don't count out the Redskins. In the eight-man wars, Orme School, located near Mayer, returns the best athlete in Class 1A, two-way back Bernard Rock. But Mogollon and Mayer have more depth.

4A Grand Canyon

Last year was a typical **FLAGSTAFF** football season: 9-2 and a trip to the

playoffs. No wonder FHS is one of Arizona's all-time winningest schools (see chart). Coach Craig Holland has another talented squad at the skill positions, with a good young line. If senior Josh Bradford (5-8, 165, 4.5) stays healthy, the Eagles should be tough. Holland has another home run hitter. Last fall Bradford rushed for 1,544 yards on 247 carries (6.2) and scored 24 touchdowns. He caught 24 passes for 418 yards. He completed 10 of 18 passes (55%) for 125 yards and six touchdowns. His arm as well as his legs kept defenses off balance. Linebacker Jess Maier (6-0, 190) saw limited action at QB (10/17 for 144 yards and two scores). Tight end Jesse Page (6-5, 205) is a big target (9 catches for 120 yards). Little Katie Tribble (5-6, 130) made history by booting 43 of 48 PATS and earned all-state recognition. She made five extra points during a 35-24 win over Snowflake.

Speedy Mike Sciacca (6-1, 165, 4.5)

averaged 12.6 yards per catch on the carpet. Senior Darrin Brown (6-0, 185) is the Eagles' center. Youth flanks him on the line, including two-way juniors Lane Wescott (6-3, 220), Ryan Wood (6-3, 205), Scott Skinner (6-0, 220) and Jason Casados (6-1, 215). Seniors Ean Jones (5-11, 200) and Brandon Ranier (6-1, 225) add depth. Adam Lozano, Josh Watts, Andrew Brooks, Pete Page and Brandon Wilkinson add speed to the skill positions. The Eagles open play Sept. 1 in the Dome vs. Snowflake, and have a key league trip to Mingus Union on Oct. 13.

Speaking of **MINGUS UNION**, the Cottonwood powerhouse has a new coach to go with an old tradition. Bob Young takes over for Bill Rudolph, who won six region crowns and 68% of his games on "The Hill." His last club finished 9-2.

"We were pleased with our overall progress, considering our lack of seniors,"

says Young, who returns 20 lettermen. "Still, we were disappointed in losing in the first round of the playoffs."

The Marauders have a good collection of skill position athletes, but very little depth. Juniors up from a 7-1 JV squad are ready to go. The cream of the crop is the bosses' son, senior QB/DB Spencer Young (6-2, 170). Last year he completed 57% of his passes and rushed for 480 yards. Halfback Jimbo Moore (5-10, 165) rushed for 595 yards and scored eight TDs. He averaged 9.9 yards per carry. A good defensive back, senior Matt DeVlieger (5-10, 170) is also one of the best place kickers in the north. He was 42/45 on PATS, 3/3 on field goals, the longest a school record 46-yarder. Two-way tackles Joe French (6-4, 235) and Scott McMahon (6-0, 230) are battle tested. Dave Moncibaez (6-2, 175) is a good two-way back. Greg Ayers (5-11, 175) is a small, tough linebacker with good range.

Early season losses in close games cost **PAGE** a playoff berth. "But we expect to be competitive this year, with 30 seniors and some solid underclassmen," warns Greg Asbury, whose club finished 3-7 with late wins over Flagstaff Coconino and Chinle. In those two games, RB/FS Ryan Tkalecic (6-2, 200, 4.6) rushed for 450 yards. An all-state punter, he averaged over 40 yards per boot. Justin Douglas (6-2, 160), an all-state corner, moves to flanker this year. Big Pat Tadytin (6-1, 330) touches the ball first. He's the club's center. Sam Cummings, Troy Worthen and soph Kevin Floyd join Tkalecic in the Sand Devils' backfield. Chance Glover and junior Robert Schulz are good defensive ends. New Mexico, Colorado and Nevada schools dot the Devils' schedule.

Over 20 lettermen - 17 starters - return at **COCONINO**, where George Moate and his young squad struggled through a 2-8 outing. "This year we should be competitive," says Moate, the school's head coach since 1990. At least six key players return, starting with QB Cory Gonzales, a 6-0, 175-pound senior. The Panthers' signal caller passed for 800-plus yards. Junior WR Chris Nash (5-8, 150) grabbed 17 passes for 234 yards. If defense wins games, Coconino is set with LB Brian Davidson (5-10, 190, 119 tackles), DT Jason Underwood (6-4, 250, 55 tackles), DT J.P. Simo (6-2, 250, 45 tackles) and DE Jack Dunn (6-1, 200) in the lineup.

Improvement is also the game plan at **FLAGSTAFF SINAGUA**, another club

1995 Northern Arizona Prep Poll

CLASS 4A

1. Flagstaff Eagles
2. Mingus Union Marauders
3. Prescott Badgers
4. Kingman Bulldogs
5. Page Sand Devils
6. Lake Havasu Knights
7. Mohave Thunderbirds
8. Coconino Panthers
9. Sinagua Mustangs
10. Chinle Wildcats

CLASS 3A

1. Bradshaw Mountain Bears
2. Blue Ridge Yellowjackets
3. Winslow Bulldogs
4. Snowflake Lobos
5. St. Johns Redskins
6. Show Low Cougars
7. Payson Longhorns
8. Cactus Shadows Falcons
9. Fountain Hills Falcons
10. Round Valley Elks

CLASS 2A

1. Williams Vikings
2. Alchesay Falcons
3. Hopi Bruins
4. Many Farms Lobos
5. Red Mesa Redskins

CLASS 1A

1. Mayer Wildcats
2. Mogollon Mustangs
3. Orme School Warriors
4. Joseph City Wildcats
5. Salome Frogs

which lacked size and strength. Still, young players must carry the load, so the Mustangs might be two years away from the playoff picture. Too bad coach Ed Campos doesn't have more players like Ian Jorgenson (6-0, 180) in the lineup. The talented linebacker runs 40 yards in 4.7 seconds and doubles at tight end. Junior Josh Bense (5-10, 185) is the club's best back. Senior Scott Fiser (6-0,

flagstaff football '95

180) roams the secondary. Tackles Adam Zerger (6-3, 248) and Matt Sandlin (6-2, 235, jr) have good size. Junior Josh Batie (5-9, 160) is the club's kicker. Although small, Chris Swetnam (5-10, 170) is a capable linebacker.

At **CHINLE**, trying to be competitive is the name of the game. The Wildcats will find the going rough in the Grand Canyon Region, but do return linemen Jefferson Jones, Jaycee Judy and William Harvey, three competitive athletes who made the Cats' lineup last year.

4A Arrowhead

At **LAKE HAVASU**, a Bill Kucera-coached club finished 6-4 on the season, but batted .500 in league play and missed the playoffs. Half the roster was underclassmen, including two of the Knights' youngest players, junior halfback Ryan Huhnerkoch (5-11, 175) and junior lineman Kevin Jacobs (6-0, 194). Also, the club's biggest player, tackle Matthew Jenkins (6-4, 265), and smallest, halfback Ulysses Gonzalez (5-6, 170), could return. Experience is a strong point. Speed is not.

4A West Valley

Lots of inexperience and no senior leadership resulted in a 1-8-1 record at **MOHAVE**, located in Bullhead City. Coach Terry King hopes an improved line will give his Thunderbirds a fighting chance. "This could be the best team we've had in five years," says the river city coach. Both QB Josh Ledlow (6-0, 175) and RB Jeff Castillo (5-10, 175) rushed for 900-plus yards. Two-way tackle Jerry Owen (5-9, 235) is a good kicker. In a football uniform, tackle Jason Slocum (5-9, 235) looks like Owen's twin. Kevin Reid (6-3, 265) is a big target at tight end, and a bigger force on the defensive line. Center Alex Cruz (6-2, 235) starts each play. Richie Walden (5-10, 190) starts in the secondary and is the backup QB. With the likes of Brad Fay (6-1, 220), Moses Love (6-3, 220), Kent Rambo (6-3, 290), Brandon Patterson (6-1, 200), Josh Weiland (6-6, 290) and Brett O'Brien (6-1, 205) in the lineup, size is the name of the game. In fact, the T'Birds might have the biggest club in the region.

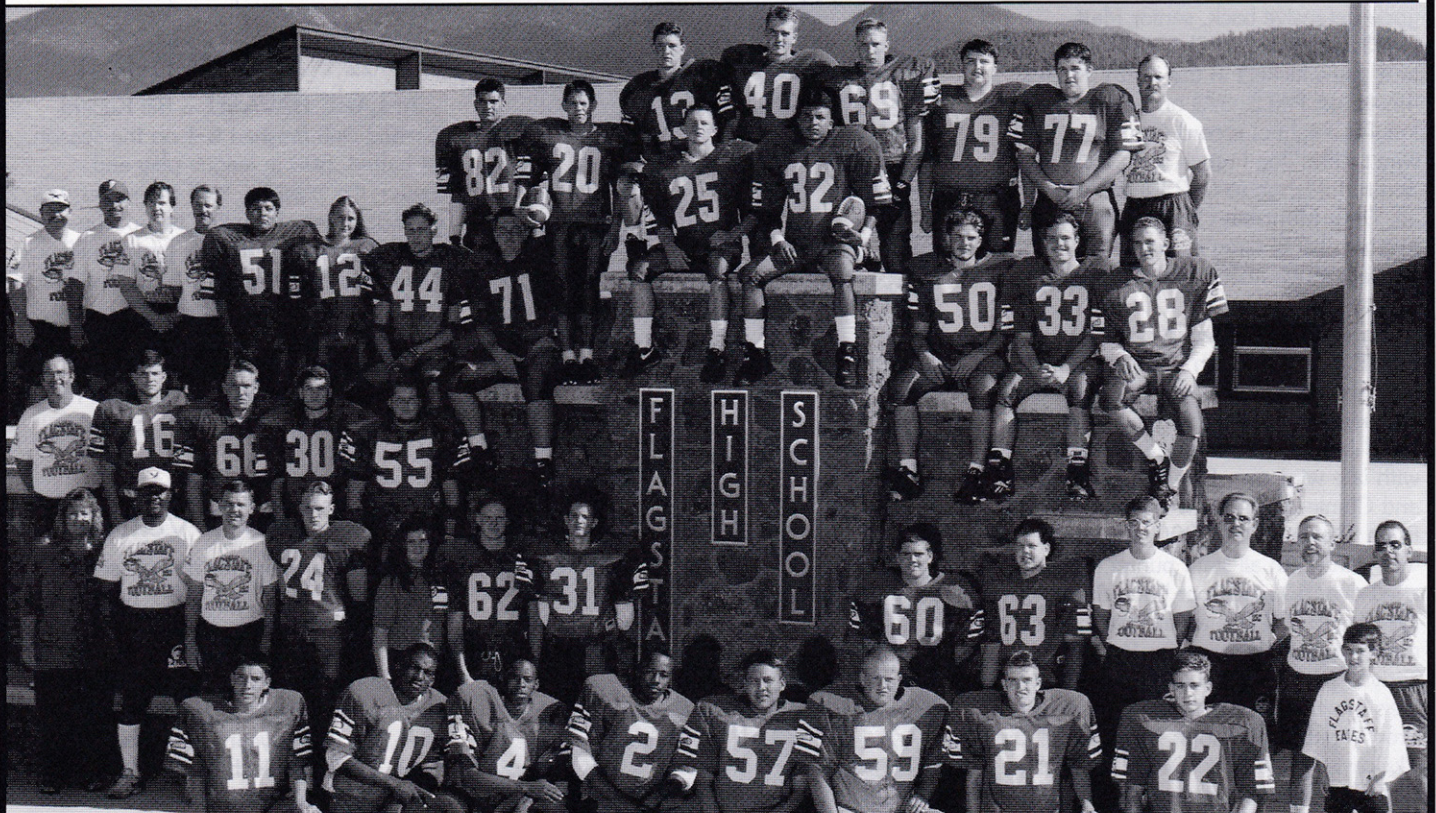
4A Skyline

Although **PRESCOTT** was eliminated in the playoff's first round, long-time men-



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to Bill Gahn notched his 100th win. Since 1979, Gahn is 104-65-6 at the school. Eight clubs have reached the playoffs. Last year's unit went 6-5. With 22 lettermen back, the Badgers' outlook is promising. Thirteen were starters. Little Josh Steele (5-5, 150), an all-league pick, rushed for 1,163 yards. Talented Nate Gahn (5-10, 170) rushed for 436 yards, caught 21 passes and punted for a 38.5 average. Wideout Jason Rutherford (5-9, 160) averaged 14.8 yards per catch. Quarterback Mark Beneitone (5-11, 170) completed 56% of his passes for 732 yards in Gahn's Wing-T offense. Key defenders like Dustin Parra (6-0, 220), David Maldando (6-3, 250), Dan Anderson (5-10, 210), Charlie Christensen (5-10, 180), Ray Hill (5-11, 205), Cameron Dow (6-2, 185), Nathan Gresko (6-2, 190), Phil Holt (6-3, 205) and Chris Fisher (6-0, 170) all started. Guard Brian Loving (6-2, 200) is a good kicker. The Badgers should be in the hunt.

4A Desert Sky

Although five sophomores started, **KINGMAN** managed to go 6-4 and just missed the playoffs. "We never had sophs step up and play that well," insists Ray Smith, 58-53-3 as the Bulldogs' head coach. "We should be very competitive this time." Quarterback is a key position and the 'Dogs are set with junior Trevor

Mote (6-0, 175, 4.7). Last year he completed 52% of his passes. Eight went for scores. His longest play covered 86 yards. He also ran for 471 yards. Junior half-back James Moua (5-9, 185) rushed for 921 yards on 122 carries (7.5) and scored 15 touchdowns. Tight end Kirk Dykman (6-5, 252) is a big target. Linebackers Pat Grumbles (5-10, 190, 73 tackles) and Jason Fulps (6-0, 210, 59 tackles, 8 sacks) lead the defense. Safety Josh Parker (5-11, 175, 4 interceptions) is back and doubles as a wideout. Defensive lineman Waylon Lindsley (6-0, 210) is also the Dogs' center.

3A West

The Bears get closer each year at **BRADSHAW MOUNTAIN**. Steve Moran's club finished 10-2 after falling to Winslow in the 3A semis, 28-6. Back for his senior year is record-breaking quarterback David Moran (6-0, 185, 4.7), one of the top two-way players in Northern Arizona. On offense he completed 91 of 159 passes for 1,608 yards (57%) and 26 TDs. Only four passes were intercepted. He can run, too. Like for 1,290 yards on 99 carries (12.7 ypc) and 13 TDs. Defensively, he has 21 interceptions in his prep career. Wideout Dan Dorsey (5-10, 160, jr) is also back, along with 30 catches for 549 yards and 13 TDs. All-state linebacker Dustin Halliburton (6-0, 190) joined in on 92 tackles. Roy Bower

(6-0, 180) made 43 at the same position. Deep back Dereck Reidburn (5-9, 160) picked off six passes. Stocky Dean Sturman (5-9, 240) is the Bears' center. Seniors Jeremiah Rash, Ryan Cosby, Jeff Linnell, Chase Myers and Seth Goodman give the club depth.

With only six seniors on the roster, **CACTUS SHADOWS** went 4-4, then dropped a first-round playoff game to Ganado, 30-24. With 12 starters back, this could be the Falcons' best club in years. "We have size, speed, experience and leadership," says head coach Gerry LaBelle. "We can go as far as the kids are willing to work."

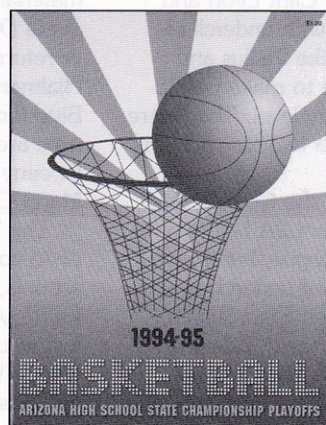
Quarterback Cory VanDevirt (6-1, 160) passed for 995 yards and eight TDs. However, 13 were picked off and he completed only 41% of his passes. Junior back Mike Hurst (5-9, 170, 4.8) managed 378 rushing yards and six scores. Two-way tackle Brandon Hall (6-2, 210, 4.9) is big and fast. Sean Dilman (6-2, 230) and Travis Swartzlander (6-0, 220) join him in the trenches. Two-way end Charlie Ulrich (6-1, 180) is a good target. Richard Cisman (6-0, 165) and Roy Taylor (6-1, 185) are starting linebackers.

In only its second year of varsity play, **FOUNTAIN HILLS** compiled an 8-3 record after advancing to the 3A quarter-finals. State champ Blue Ridge brought the Falcons back to earth, 50-6. Still, Jim Fairfield has his team headed in the right direction. Linebacker Brian Gerrity (6-0,

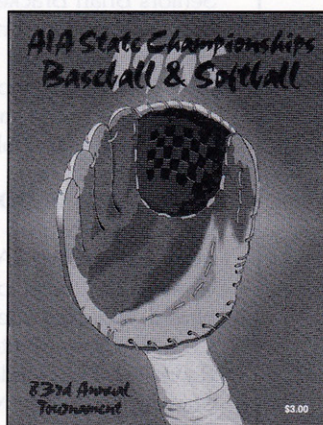
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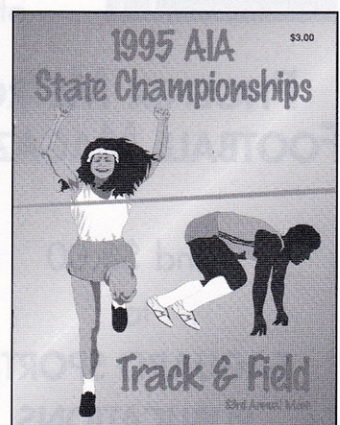
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210, 4.7) is top-notch: 60 solo tackles, 50 assists. As a fullback he rushed for 665 yards and eight TDs. Halfback Sean Moloney (5-11, 180, 4.7) totaled 1,018 yards. Also a linebacker, he helped in 76 tackles, including 41 solo stops. Fountain's backers might be the best in the league. Two-way tackle Chris Comeau (6-0, 250) is the Falcons' best lineman. Juniors Jared Alexander (6-4, 265) and Pat Robinson (6-4, 200) add youth and size. Senior wideout Frank Reid (5-10, 175) doubles in the secondary. Except for Blue Ridge, FHHS played everybody tough.

"We lost our three best skill position people to injuries and struggled the entire season," says head coach Dan Bellini at **RIVER VALLEY**. The Dust Devils finished 3-7 in the school's third year. "But we'll be better. The kids have worked hard." Best of the lot is all-state OG/DT Ryan Cloo (6-4, 255), one of the region's premier players. Two-way tackles Jack Anderson (6-2, 275) and Terry Vincent (6-4, 250) join Cloo on the line. This group is huge. Junior Byron King (6-2, 200) is a good two-way end. Ben Hill (6-0, 190) is the club's best guard. Junior QB Joe Yoney (5-11, 170, 4.8) has a

good stable of backs, starting with Matt Moore (5-10, 210), the Devils' hard-running fullback. Jason Jenkins, Nick Armenta and Greg Williams add depth to the skill positions.

Since head coach Jon Hill arrived in **WICKENBURG** five years ago, the Wranglers have been a contender. Last year's club was beaten by Benson in the quarterfinals, ending the year at 8-3. Now there's a new challenge - moving up to the 3A ranks for the first time ever. "Our town is growing," says Hill. "We're looking forward to the challenge. Unfortunately we're not going to be as talented as in the past." Only three experienced seniors return: TE/DE John Eberlein (6-3, 180), OC Jeremy Kubler (6-0, 200) and FB Mario Vigueria (5-9, 153). Linebacker Matt Greene (6-0, 200) was second-team all-state last year as a sophomore. Junior Kenny Rose will start at quarterback. He also plays in the secondary. "We won't be the league bully, but we won't be the league step child," adds Hill. "We're hoping to win more than half our games."

It was a senior-dominated club at **PARKER**, mixed with a sprinkling of six good, young sophomores. The result was a 4-5 campaign. Junior fullback Matt Howard (6-1, 250) is now a year older, along with classmates Jeston Lotts, Joe Martinez, Jarrod Zeyoma, Chris Castle and Andy Meza. All six made the Broncos' varsity as sophomores. Getting a football program off the ground at **CHINO VALLEY** has been no picnic. The Cougars haven't won a game in two years. Coach Danny Brown takes over a club which dropped out after an 0-4 start. Seniors Brian Bracken, Clint Leon and Ramsey Kinney, along with underclassmen like Kevin Hall, Mike Paulus and Shawn Waggoner hope to make CVHS competitive at the varsity level. They were 8-0 as a JV unit. Hall, a two-way back, is just a sophomore.

At **CAMP VERDE**, the Cowboys will try to make the leap from 2A ball to a more competitive 3A league, but it won't be easy. Last year, lots of underclassmen played, including linemen Ryan Beach, Cody Jackson, Monte Pierce, Edward Reddell and Eli Sanders. Young backs Shawn Cain, Cody Nitschke and Jack Morris are battle tested. Defenders Dustin Fitch and Mike Watts return.

3A East

When the dust had cleared, Arizona's Class 3A football ranks were in shambles.

The conference had been stung by a swarm of Yellowjackets. As in **BLUE RIDGE** Yellowjackets. Coach Paul Moro did it again. But this time it was a dandy. One of the best 3A teams in recent years. Led by all-star tailback Scooter Sprotte (38 TDs, 2,961 yards), Moro's unbeaten crew averaged a state-record 50.3 points in four playoff games, and scored a record 629 points on the season. In order, they beat Coolidge, 62-0; Fountain Hills, 50-6; Payson, 61-6; and Winslow, 28-6, in four playoff games, finishing 13-0 on the season. It was the 'Jackets' fourth state crown under Moro, who is 94-24-0 at the Lakeside school.

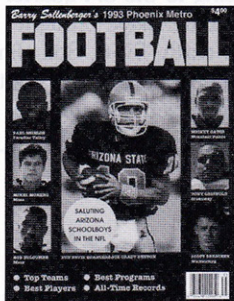
"We return excellent offensive and defensive lines," warns the head coach, who has won 80% of his games. "We will also have one of the top quarterbacks and running backs in the state."

Two-way back Adam Reeck (6-1, 175) is the QB. Ball handling and leadership are his strong points. Halfback Jeremiah Navarro averaged 13 yards per carry in a backup role. He is also a top cornerback. He weighs only 155 pounds, but squats 430. The 'Jackets have two tremendous players in all-state DE Toby Claude (6-3, 195, 18 sacks) and junior OT Fred Johnson (6-7, 215), the only freshman ever to start for Moro at Blue Ridge. "Johnson has the potential to be a blue-chipper," says Moro.

Linebacker Greg Salyers (5-8, 175) is small, but started five games. He's the team's kicker. Last year he booted a school-record 59 extra points. He kicked three field goals in one game. Guard Bryce Cox (6-3, 195) started. Center Culley Morrison (6-1, 210) is all-state material as a defensive lineman. Nose guard David Williams (6-0, 175) is another returning starter. Free safety Eric Hjalmarson (6-2, 175) is only a junior. Blue Ridge just reloads. Other players of note are LB David Ponwith, SS Zeke Sweeny, LB Ronnie Hudson and SE Mario Coto.

The 'Dogs are back. **WINSLOW**, one of Arizona's all-time winningest football schools, reached the finals in Rich Hoyt's fourth year at the helm. His 11-2 club lost to only one team - Blue Ridge - twice! "We were a year ahead of schedule," insist Hoyt, who only expected to make the playoffs. "We will be tough if we hold together. We've put the bark and bite back in Bulldog football"

Sixteen Bulldog starters, plus help from a near-perfect JV unit, are back. Top 'Dog is junior running back Jason Kislingbury (6-1, 215, 4.9), one of the



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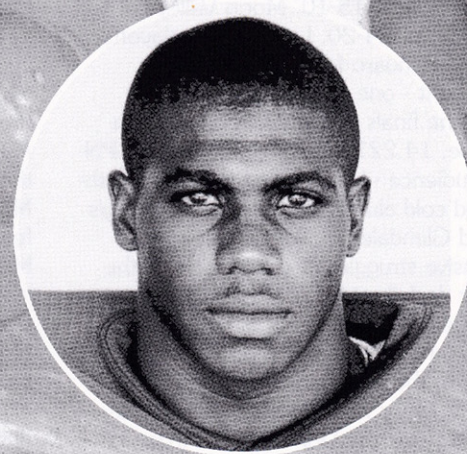
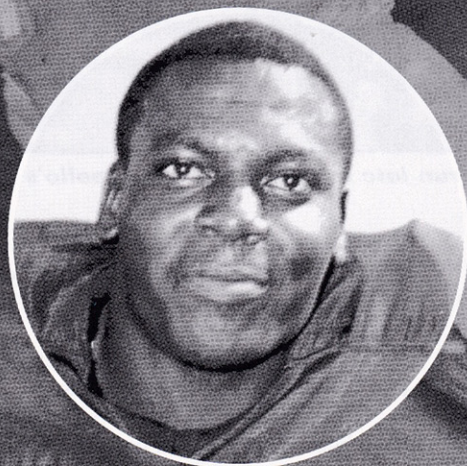
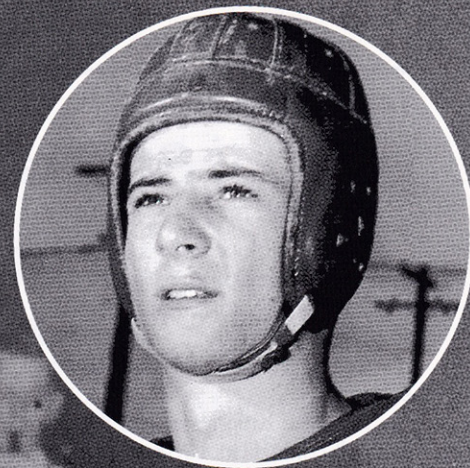
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St. Mary's Captures Two in a Row!

You either love them or hate them. Just like Notre Dame. In the Arizona high school football ranks, the school is Phoenix St. Mary's, one of the state's most respected, feared, disliked or loved schools.

Since the Knights played their first football contest in 1938, the Green & White gridders have won 403 games - fifth best in state history. Fourteen wins came in 1985.

Who would have guessed it?

It was billed as the "Year of the Chargers." The McClintock Chargers. Coach Karl Kiefer's nationally ranked club included several dandy prospects, like quarterback Kent Kiefer (Missouri), tailback Art Greathouse (Arizona) and wide receiver Cleveland Colter (USC), soon to be the state player of the year.

It had been more than a decade since a large school champ had repeated, and although St. Mary's returned 19 lettermen from its '84 championship club, few had been starters.

"All the pieces fell in the right place," said head coach Pat Farrell after his Knights blitzed Tucson Sahuaro 31-14 in the '84 finals. "We stayed healthy and got hot when we had to. I wouldn't mind doing it again, sometime."

Sometime came soon.

All-state quarterback Steve Belles had picked up his diplomand headed to Notre Dame. But both young running backs, Reggie McGill and Derryl Harris, returned. And the kicking game looked solid with Mike Cortright back. Entering the '85 campaign, the reliable senior had 17 field goals under his belt.

First, Alhambra lost by one point, 13-12. Then Shadow Mountain lost by one touchdown, 10-3. Rival Brophy Prep lost by five points, 15-10. Moon Valley fell by four points, 24-20. Later in the playoffs, Tucson Sahuaro fell again, by - you guessed it - one point, 10-9.

In the finals at Sun Devil Stadium in Tempe, 14,221 cold fans - plus an ASPN-TV audience - braved near freezing weather and cold aluminum seats, as St. Mary's edged Glendale Apollo 11-7 in a real defensive struggle. "It was so cold in the upper deck," said ASPN sportscaster George Allen, "My teeth almost froze." The winning score came on a 47 yard TD sprint in the final minutes by McGill.

The junior running back, who would later play for the University of Arizona, rushed for 1,448 yards and scored 13



Reggie McGill's 47-yard touchdown run late in the game broke Apollo's back (Phoenix Gazette photo).

touchdowns on the season, the 47-yarder his most important.

Although half the teams on St. Mary's schedule played them tough, the results were the same. Fourteen opponents got beat. It was the third time in four years that the state's "large school" champ finished undefeated. It was the Knights' sixth state football title.

After the '85 campaign, St. Mary's owned a 23-game win streak, putting them within reach of Tucson's state "large school" record of 32. Those Badger teams, coached by Rollin T. Gridley, were nationally ranked and beat teams from California, Texas and Arizona.

These St. Mary's teams were coached by Farrell, a former all-state defensive back who was earlier selected Arizona Coach of the Year, picked by the Phoenix Press Box Association. The same award has gone to the likes of Frank Kush, Larry Smith, John MacLeod and Bobby Winkles, to name a few. Good company for the young St. Mary's coach, 69-25-2 at the time.

Biggest graduation loss was kicker Cortright, who took his All-American toe to Phoenix College after booting a national record 36 field goals during his career.

The win over Apollo gave St. Mary's its first undefeated season since 1967, and back-to-back state titles for the first time

since 1967-68. Those clubs were coached by Ed Doherty.

It was Apollo, coached by Rudy Pacheco, which knocked out McClintock in a titanic upset in the semifinals.

"There is no way in the world I would have believed this would happen," Farrell said as he clutched the winner's trophy. "These kids were a second half ball club this year, which is unfortunate for a coach's health."

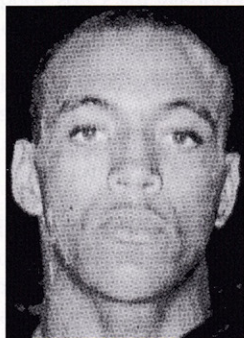
McGill's winning run came with 3:40 left on the clock. "It was the same play that beat Sahuaro last week," Farrell added. "We call it a 'toss' and it has been our gravy. It's a play that can be stopped five times in a row, but the sixth time it can go for 70 yards."

And the streak? It lasted four games into the '86 campaign. Moon Valley ended it 14-7 in front of 6,000 fans at Glendale Community College.

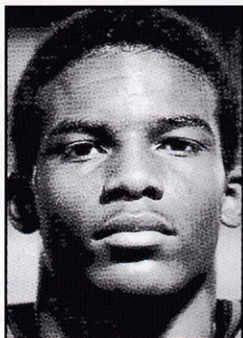
But the Knights regrouped and advanced all the way to the quarterfinals, where Maryvale ended their bid for a third straight crown. The Panthers' talented backfield of Kevin Galbreath (Arizona State), Phillippi Sparks (ASU/New York Giants) and Darren Woodson (ASU/Dallas Cowboys) ended St. Mary's near-perfect season, 29-21.

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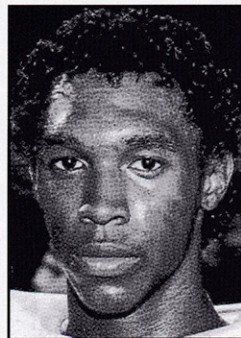
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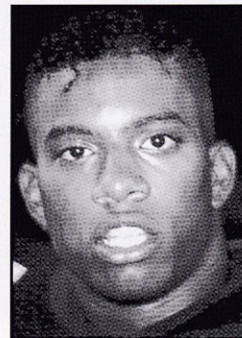
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1987..... Tyrone Byrd, Chandler
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1985..... Cleveland Colter, Jr., Tempe McClintock
1984..... John Giaspie, Phoenix Central
1983..... Anthony Parker, Tempe McClintock
1982..... Chuck Nixon, Phoenix Shadow Mountain
1981..... Shawn Benson, Mesa Mountain View
1980..... George Duarte, Tucson Sunnyside (jr)
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1978..... Jeff Colter, Tucson Amphitheater
1977..... Charles Cobbs, Florence
1976..... Felix Kelson, South Mountain
1975..... David Given, Tempe McClintock
1974..... Harold Smith, Florence
1973..... Rob Wilson, Scottsdale Coronado
1972..... Carl Russell, McNary
1971..... Danny Smith, Safford (jr)
1970..... Derral Davis, Tucson
1969..... Dick Harris, Mesa Westwood (jr)

1968..... Joe Petroschus, Tucson
1967..... Rudy Quihuis, Tucson Pueblo
1966..... Bill Diple, Scottsdale Arcadia
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Flowing Wells Had the Hart



Sophomore quarterback Steve Torres gets plenty of protection from teammate Joe Carrasco during a 12-10 win over CDO (Arizona Daily Star photo).

The wishbone offense may not be in vogue among high school football teams today, but for Tucson Amphitheater in 1975, the triple-option was the name of the game.

The Panthers, coached by Jerry Loper, captured the schools first state crown, a heart-stopping come-from-behind 23-22 win over Phoenix Maryvale, played before 11,000 fans at the University of Arizona.

It took over three decades, but Amphi finally emerged on top of the Arizona AAA grid ranks. With senior quarterback Jim Krohn running the offense, Loper's Green Machine recorded a near-perfect 12-1 record. Prior to the finals, Maryvale had been undefeated.

While Loper and Amphi spent years trying to get into the state championship game, Flowing Wells head coach Larry Hart and his Caballeros had spent years trying to win it.

As the crow flies, Flowing Wells and Amphi are less than one minute apart. Since the Caballeros were a smaller Class AA school, they seldom met on the grid-iron. But when the 1975 campaign ended, they both were on cloud nine.

Before Flowing Wells nailed Snowflake 14-13 in the Class AA finals, Hart had

taken five different clubs to the finals. Every one came away with a runnerup trophy.

"Everyone is out to beat us," said Hart at the time. "We won six division titles in eight years and four teams were unbeaten in regular season play. It's a tribute to the kids that they went all the way. It was the most depth I've ever had. Whenever someone got hurt, we had someone fill in who could do the job."

Steve Torres was a perfect example. When starting signal caller Benny Jimenez went out with an injury, young Torres - just a sophomore - stepped in. Seldom passing in the Cabs' run-oriented offense, he managed to hit receivers 15 times for 428 yards - a 28.5 yards per reception average!

But the big gun was little John Bray, one of seven FW first-team all-stars. The 5-11, 175 pound back rushed for 1,198 yards on 151 carries. He scored 24 touchdowns and 144 points.

The 'Cabs got off to a good start, beating larger Sunnyside High 20-0, when Bray carried 29 times for 200 yards. One week later, Coolidge's Blue Bears went home black & blue, after a 63-6 beating. Bray started the scoring with a 75 yard

punt return. Sophomore Chuck Ragels kicked a school record nine extra points.

Bray scored five touchdowns - all in the second half - as the 'Cabs routed Globe. Safford, annually the Cabs' toughest foe, fell in Tucson 27-24, thanks to a 70 yard punt return by John Bryant. Canyon del Oro, the Cabs' biggest rival, fell 12-10 in the best defensive struggle of the season. Bray scored on a short run and Torres hit Damian Peace for a TD strike to seal the win.

During a 41-16 win over Nogales, the running and pass catching of Bry was too much for the Apaches. The Cabs' defense wasn't too kind either, as Flowing Wells took a 41-0 halftime lead.

"We almost stopped ourselves in the title game," said Hart after the Snowflake win. "We fumbled three times, but in a way it was justice that we played exceptional defense, beating them 14-13 and finally winning that darn trophy. We've enough of those runner-up statues. Five too many to be exact."

In 10 games, Flowing Wells scored 333 points and averaged 321 yards per contest. Joining Bray on the Class AA all-state squad were teammates Darrell Bossert (OT), Joe Carrasco (OG), Todd Wasson (DL), David Moore (LB), Richard O'Haver (LB) and Scott Sanderlin (B). Both Wasson and Sanderlin were juniors.

All-together, Hart won 103 games at FW, more than any coach at the school. His 103-45-4 record between 1968 and 1979 gave him a .696 winning percentage. Only two other coaches compiled better winning marks, but they coached just four years or less. In two seasons, Ted Sorich went 12-4-3 (.750), while Larry Gray went 31-11-1 (.738) in four. Sorich, a former all-state quarterback at Bisbee and star signal caller at Northern Arizona University, is the Caballeros' athletic director today. Hart is retired and living in Tucson. The University of Idaho graduate spent 34 years in education, coaching at both Ajo and Amphi before moving to Flowing Wells.

As for next-door-neighbor Amphi, the Panthers' championship season was just the beginning of more than two decades of excellent high school football. Today, some the the state's all-time best players, including NFL stars like Mike Bates (Seattle Seahawks) and brother Mario (New Orleans Saints), have worn the Amphi Black & Green.

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1982.....John Hoebee, Phoenix Maryvale (5-11, 200)
1981.....Tim Wyatt, Phoenix Moon Valley (6-1, 200)
1980.....Joe Williams, Apache Junction (6-1, 215)
1979.....Jim Polenske, Phoenix Maryvale (6-3, 255)
1978.....David Anders, Gilbert (6-2, 202)
1977.....Marty Van Gorder, Chandler (6-2, 220)
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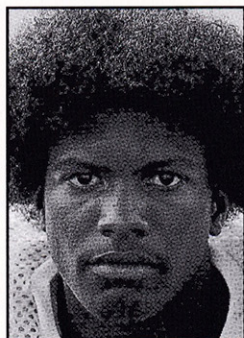
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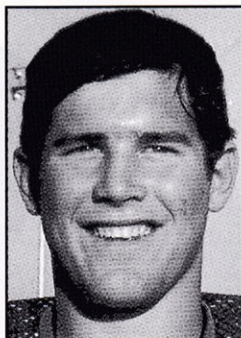
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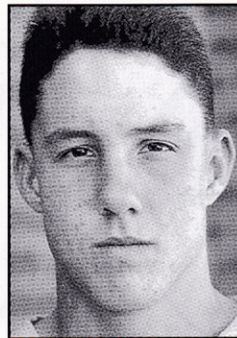
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1991 Anthony Sanders, Tucson Santa Rita
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1989 Aaron Santini, Tucson Santa Rita
1988 Bret Powers, Glendale Cactus
1987 John Bonds, Phoenix St. Mary's
1986 Bobby Valdez, Tucson Sunnyside
1985 Kent Kiefer, Tempe McClintock
1984 Steve Belles, Phoenix St. Mary's
1983 John Walker, Tempe Marcos de Niza
1982 Rodney Peete, Tucson Sahuaro (jr)
1981 Steve Stallworth, Yuma
1980 Trent Hutchinson, South Mountain
1979 Lloyd Coker, Phoenix Central
1978 Kevin Smith, Scottsdale Saguaro (jr)
1977 Mike Pagel, Phoenix Washington
1976 Greg Brady, Scottsdale Coronado
1975 Jim Krohn, Tucson Amphi
1974 Mark Whipple, Phoenix Camelback
1973 Rob Wilson, Scottsdale Coronado
1972 Greg Hubbell, Phoenix Central
1971 Fred Mortensen, Tempe
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1969 Danny White, Mesa Westwood
1968 Bill Mannion, Phoenix St. Mary's
1967 Ken Johnson, Scottsdale Arcadia (jr)
1966 John Svob, Tucson Catalina
1965 George Mattingly, Scottsdale Arcadia

1964 Dave Grangaard, Phoenix Camelback
1963 Rusty Tillman, Agua Fria
1962 Timmy Flood, Phoenix Brophy Prep
1961 Elby Bushong, Phoenix Washington
1960 Gary Deak, Scottsdale Arcadia
1959 Eddie Bricker, Miami
1958 John Power, Phoenix Camelback
1957 Eddie Wilson, Chandler
1956 Carlos Rodriguez, Morenci
1955 Jim Wolf, Yuma
1954 Ralph Hunsaker, Mesa
1953 Clyde Nielson, North Phoenix (jr)
1952 Pat Flood, Tucson
1951 Vaughn Patterson, North Phoenix (jr)
1950 James Black, Phoenix Union
1949 Buster Madariaga, Round Valley
1948 Don Ahee, Tucson
1947 Dan Russell, Mesa
1946 Gus Headington, Yuma
1945 Manuel Aja, Glendale
1944 Charles Beall, Mesa
1943 Charles Beall, Mesa (jr)

FRED ENKE, JR., a three-sport star at Tucson High and the University of Arizona, was the first Arizona schoolboy to start at quarterback in the NFL. He played with Detroit (1948-51), Philadelphia (1952) and Baltimore (1953-54).

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Big, Bad Badgers Best Yet?

Carl Rollins looked at the scoreboard, shook his head and said, "I don't know who can stop this Tucson High club. They ought to go right on to win the state championship."

Rollins, the 46-year-old coach at Phoenix Maryvale, had just seen his club trampled 26-7 in the state Class AA semifinals, played at the University of Arizona in Tucson.

"This is the finest ball club we played this season," Rollins added. "No one was able to score that many points against us. Tucson has speed and agility. They're a fine ball club."

The Badgers' balance, depth, explosiveness, faking, speed and power carried them again. This time to the 1965 state football championship. One week later - on the same field - the Big Red Machine awed a crowd of 18,000 by coasting to a 27-7 win over talented Yuma High. It was the school's 10th state football title.

The Badger's 12th win in as many starts was sweet for head coach John Mallamo, who had failed in three previous playoff attempts. Halfbacks Lewis Cook and David Jones completed their high school careers by scoring 18 points and gaining 233 yards between them.

In addition to posting a perfect season, the Badgers broke Tucson city records for points scored (404) and fewest allowed (94). Their closest game came on Texas soil, a 29-14 win over Irvin High in El Paso.

Crisp blocking, hard-nosed tackling and awesome running from the T-formation characterized Mallamo's club, labeled one of Arizona's all-time best.

In winning it all, the Badgers became the first local team to post a perfect record since Jason "Red" Greer's 1952 nationally ranked Tucson club went 10-0. Some local experts felt the '65 Badgers were the strongest prep team ever fielded in Arizona, sporting a horde of talented players.

One of the tributes paid to Mallamo's team came from long time University of Arizona stadium manager "Stub" Ashcraft. "I don't recall ever seeing a better high school football team in Arizona," said Ashcraft. "And I was attending Phoenix Union in the days when Union, Mesa, Yuma and Tucson were producing some great football teams."

The offense was highlighted by quarterback Rich Alday's ball-handling, faking and passing, the running of halfbacks

Cook (170) and Jones (155), the blocking of fullback Frank Mendez (174), ends Rich Sainz (160) and Al Almazon (165), tackles Bill Dawson (210) and Ron Shaw (204), guards Oscar Escobar (192) and Mel Byrge (179), and center Ernie Gradillas (180).

Cook, a high school All-American, and Jones were premium backs, with the former being the offensive dandy. He toted the ball 178 times for 1,624 yards, a 9.1 average. Jones rambled for 1,118 yards on 105 carries, a 10.4 average per clip. Alday completed 43 of 77 passes (56%) for 762 yards and eight touchdowns in Tucson's run-oriented offense.

The line's blocking, highlighted by future All-American Bill Dawson, was remarkable. Any pressure that goes with an unbeaten team wasn't noticed on the field. They opened the season by clobbering Phoenix Union 28-0 and El Paso Irvin 29-14, then mowed down Catalina 41-6, Douglas 39-13, Pueblo 34-7 and Salpointe 41-13. They won their last four regular season games easily, dumping Sunnyside 35-7, Amphi 26-0, Rincon 40-7 and Palo Verde 38-13.

Crowds, as usual, flocked to Badger games - home or away. Over 4,000

watched their home opener with Phoenix Union; 4,500 attended the Catalina game, 8,000 attended the Pueblo clash, and 9,500 packed Salpointe's stadium as Tucson steam rolled their Catholic rivals. Four different games were broadcasted live on Radio KOLD, with veteran sports caster Ray McNally doing play-by-play.

Before taking the Tucson High job in 1956, Mallamo served as an assistant for one year at Phoenix Camelback. The former University of Arizona end coached football and baseball for five years at Buckeye.

In 1959 and 1960, his Badgers failed to get past the semifinals, losing first to Yuma 19-14, then Mesa 31-6. His top-rated club reached the finals in 1962, but was routed by Scottsdale Arcadia, 40-7.

Mallamo made his way to Arizona after graduating from Westwood High School in New Jersey. As a prepster, he was a three-sport letterman, playing end in football, center in basketball and the outfield in baseball.

He spent four years in the Army Air Corps and later graduated from the University of Arizona in 1947.

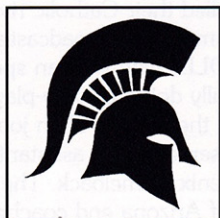
On January 22, 1987, John Mallamo died of a heart attack, at age 67.



Tucson's John Mallamo is carried off the field by Bill Dawson (right) and teammate Jerry Cota-Robles after win over Yuma.

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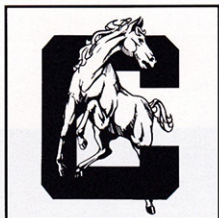
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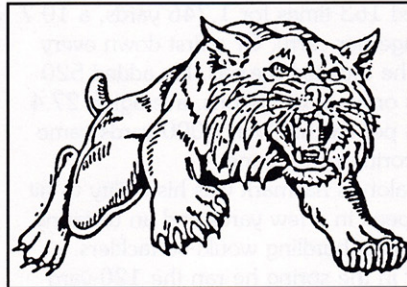
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Eloy's Rockets Blast Off!

On December 24, 1965, Christmas came early for Sun Devil football fans.

Art Malone and Paul Ray Powell, the football dandies of Santa Cruz Valley Union High School in Eloy, signed letters of intent to attend Arizona State University.

Sun Devil head coach Frank Kush signed the pair Wednesday night in Eloy, beating out schools like Nebraska and UCLA in the recruiting war.

"So far as I'm concerned," ASU backfield coach Paul Kemp said, "In my eight years here, these are two of the finest prospects to come off the same ball club. We feel both boys have the tools and ability to do a good job. It's up to them how far they go."

They went far.

Malone and Powell co-captained an Eloy team that won all 12 games, beating Peoria 27-7 in the finals. During the playoffs, the Dust Devils averaged 41.5 points per game - an Arizona record for all classes. The two all-stars scored 300 of their team's 512 points and produced 3,176 offensive yards.

Malone, nicknamed "The Eloy Rocket," was the statistical giant of the season. He scored 37 touchdowns and 222 points, both single season state records. He scored six TDs in one game, a 64-14 win over Coolidge, and five TDs twice. First in a 67-0 shutout of Willcox, followed by a 53-13 rout of Hayden, where he rushed for a school record 299 yards.

The 6-0, 187-pound speedster, playing deep back in Lonnie Foster's I-formation, rushed 163 times for 1,746 yards, a 10.7 average per carry. Or a first down every time he touched the ball. He added 520 yards on pass receptions, averaging 27.4 yards per catch. Over 1,000 yards came on scoring plays alone.

Malone's hallmark was his ability to hit full speed in a few yards and an uncanny success at hurdling would-be tacklers. Later in the spring he ran the 120-yard high hurdles in 14.0 seconds, and broke the state record in the 180-low hurdles with an 18.8 clocking.

Powell, 5-11, 188 pounds, gained 910 yards on offense. He scored 13 touchdowns despite missing the middle month of the season because of a cracked collarbone. "He was our best defensive player," said Foster. Powell, like Malone, starred in other sports. He averaged over



Against Coolidge, Malone scored six touchdowns and rushed for 239 yards (Casa Grande Dispatch).

20 points as a guard in basketball, and was rated a top college baseball prospect.

Still, it takes more than two players to win a state championship, at any level. Joining Malone and Powell on the Class A all-state team was quarterback Harold Foote, end Les Rankin, guard Bill White and junior tackle Bruce Martan. Junior place kicker Albert Jackson booted a school record 48 extra points.

In the 1966 North-South All-Star game in Flagstaff, Malone blitzed a North defense made up mostly of players from larger schools for 212 yards. He later was an all-star fullback for Kush at Arizona State, and had a successful career in the NFL in Atlanta and Philadelphia. Teammate Powell started in A-State's secondary, and was a member of the Sun Devils' 1969 NCAA championship baseball team. He later played pro baseball for the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Located south of Casa Grande, halfway between Phoenix and Tucson, Eloy is one of many small Arizona towns flanking Interstate 10.

Blink and you'll miss it.

But if you coached college football, especially between 1958 and 1990, you didn't bypass Eloy. It was a popular place to stop.

"The first coach we sent down there was 'Bake' (former ASU assistant Don Baker)," said Kush in 1978. "He came back and said, 'Hell, there's a back down

there better than anything we've seen in Phoenix since we got here."

That back was Malone.

Eloy's win over Peoria was the school's first state championship, but it wasn't its last. Many have followed. Lots of Malones have worn the Silver & Red. And lots of Cades. And lots of Butlers.

Malones like Benny, Jimmy, James and Felton kept Santa Cruz football on the map. By the time Cade brothers Mike and Mossy graduated, the football fields in Pinal County were in shambles.

The 1978 Class A finals in Tucson, played at Amphitheater High School, was one of the most historic games in Arizona history. During a 40-36 Dust Devil win over Willcox - the lead changed hands 11 times - Mike Cade rushed for 299 yards and scored six touchdowns.

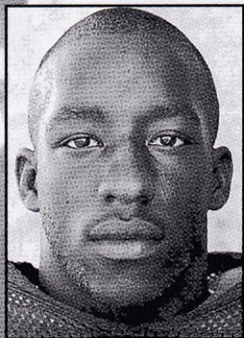
Still, some fans in Eloy label the Jay Denton-coached Devils of 1990 as the school's best backfield. Quarterback Ray Hornsby and running backs Kevin Butler, Eddie Cade and Joe Cade made up a wishbone backfield simply out of its league.

As a team, the Devils seventh state championship club posted six shutouts, averaged 34.5 points in 13 games, rushed for 4,446 yards and managed 5,292 yards total offense. In the playoffs, they averaged 40.0 points per game, and beat an undefeated Superior club 33-7 in the finals.

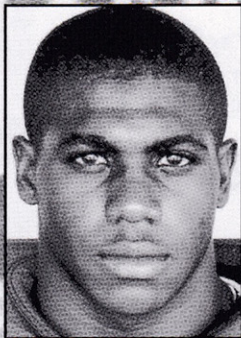
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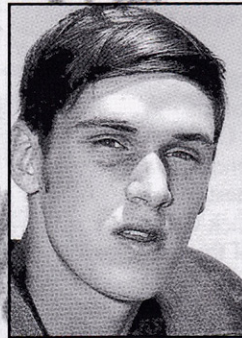
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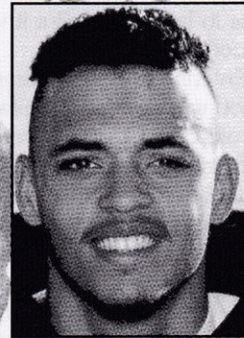
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WHIZZER WHITE, a 1946 high school All-American, was a three sport star at both Mesa High and Arizona State University, and later played in the National Football League with the Chicago Bears.

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Last Cheer for the Coyotes

It would be the mighty Coyotes last state championship in football. Who would have guessed it? They were on the verge of winning No. 25, a national record at the time. They would come close in later years. But it was to be the school's last.

Entering the 1955 campaign, Phoenix Union was Arizona's top-ranked club in the old Class AA Conference. Coached by Sam Winningham, the defending state champs returned a treasure chest of talent, starting with all-state fullback George Greathouse, the state player of the year in '54.

But like all defending champs, the trip down championship lane was to be a rocky one. Going back-to-back was no picnic. Not even for this team.

First, an eligibility ruling by the Arizona Interscholastic Association took place in order for Greathouse to play. He got married in the off-season. Then the injury bug struck. Several key Coyotes missed a game or two.

But the season started with a bang. Over 9,000 showed up at Montgomery Stadium to watch Winningham's crew strut its stuff. In the form of a 33-6 rout of neighbor St. Mary's. Greathouse scored three times. Jack Wing and Dave Hibbert scored once. Jon Conner, later a basketball star at the University of Arizona, booted three extra points. The Coyotes were riding high.

Then disaster struck. In the form of the South Mountain Rebels, as they were called in those days. On September 30, this young club, coached by young Tom "Shanty" Hogan, stopped Greathouse in his tracks. Final score: South 14, Union 13.

The *Arizona Republic* called it "the most crushing high school upset in Arizona since last-running Glendale blackened North High's title hopes in 1951."

Like true champions, the Coyotes regrouped. Greathouse & Co. would not play in a losing game the rest of the season. Well, sort of.

Furious over their defeat the week before, the determined Coyotes waded into Yuma and clobbered the potentially strong Crimminals, 35-0. Yuma, which would finish second to the Coyotes in the AA Conference, was completely stymied. The Pack, headed by quarterback Dave Hibbert, revealed a new passing attack. Replacing the injured Robert Fields, Hibbert broke the game open with sharp



George Greathouse starts a 94-yard touchdown run against West High (Phoenix Gazette photo).

passes to Darnel Haney and Delbert Hodge. Greathouse scored twice and threw a touchdown pass to Hodge. Syl Mabry ran 69 yards for a score. The Crimminals were simply outmatched.

Then San Diego Helix and Santa Barbara came to town. Both were glad to head back to the Golden State. The undefeated Highlanders fell 39-2 after an evening of demoralizing runs, kicks and hard knocks from the rugged Pack.

Then Santa Barbara, who had humbled previous Coyote teams more times than the local fans could remember, bit the dust, 14-0. "Greathouse is a great runner," said the Dons' head coach, Lou Tsoutsouvak.

Taming Tucson's Badgers 26-6, the Coyotes kept possession of the Siegel Memorial Trophy. Game highlight was 6-foot, 5-inch Sumner Smith snatching a Badger fumble and going 36 yards for a score.

Unpredictable Mesa was next. The 13-7 score was identical to the '54 contest. Greathouse performed superbly in the thriller, played before 5,000 fans at Jackrabbit Stadium in Mesa. Dick Borden was outstanding on defense.

A true team effort was credited with the 28-0 victory over the city's newest school, West High. The Coyotes struck early, with Greathouse going 94 yards from scrimmage and Hibbert hitting the

6-foot, 7-inch Haney with an important scoring strike.

Saturday afternoon, on the University of Arizona's turf, the Pack ground Amphitheater into the dust, 34-0. Greathouse scored three times, a four-yarder late in the game the last of his illustrious career.

Then, on Thanksgiving Day, the favored Pack fought to a 7-7 tie with North High. The Coyotes scored first on a 21 yard Hibbert-to-Hodge pass in the second quarter. Conner booted his 26th and last extra point. Late in the game, North defenders grabbed a Greathouse fumble to tie the score. Over 9,000 screaming fans stood to the end.

Mustang fans went wild. Throughout the game the Pack had trouble with Allen Sandell, to say the least. "Sandell is a great football player," said Mustang mentor Cecil Coleman. "He is one of the best linebackers in the state."

The Coyotes finished the '55 campaign 8-1-1 and on top of the AA Conference. There was no playoff system for Arizona's high schools then. In AA, none was needed yet.

Greathouse finished his career at both Phoenix Carver and Phoenix Union with 4,551 career rushing yards, 63 career touchdowns and 383 career points.

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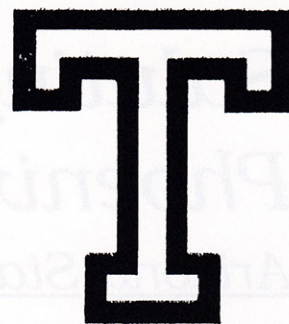
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Tucson High School's Record Run

By Skip Bryant

When they mauled the Yuma Criminals 41-13 in 1942 to wrap up a 7-2 season, the Tucson High Badgers could only think of what might have been.

After sweeping to six straight wins, they hit the skids, dropping seven-and six-point decisions to Phoenix Union and Santa Barbara, California. They settled for a one-third interest in the mythical "big school" football title with Union and Phoenix North.

Coaches are fond of saying that a season ending victory provides momentum going into the next campaign. As it turned out, "momentum" from that victory went further than just the next season.

What it really turned out to be was the start of what still remains "The Streak" in Tucson prep football history, an unbeaten, untied run that lasted over three seasons and encompassed 32 games.

Perhaps anticipating the advent of "Doc" Blanchard and Glen Davis at West Point, the Badgers rolled through nine straight foes in 1943, with a "Mr. Inside and Mr. Outside" backfield of Wrenferd Tackett and Fred Batiste.

Generally rated as the best of the three teams, the 1944 squad was seldom tested, powering to 11 straight victories, winning by an average margin of 24 points, to up the streak tally at 21 in-a-row.

The question as the 1945 season opened was, "Could the Badgers keep the string going as it prepared to tackle another 11 game slate, one that featured El Paso Austin Texas?"

When Rollin T. Gridley looked out at his squad that first practice day, 50 years ago this fall, he found only one returning starter, left end Art Pacheco. And while the Badgers pushed the string to 22-straight with a 15-0 victory over Phoenix Union, it proved to be costly. Triple threat quarterback Lee "Legs" Carey injured his wrist, sidelining him for five weeks.

Gridley, who today still resides in Tucson and is 91-years young, needed to find someone to take over at quarterback in his "T" attack, an offensive formation he adopted in 1944.



Ironically, a broken hand sidelined junior Lee "Legs" Carey for five weeks.

His choice was Frank Borman, later renowned as one of the astronauts who made the 1968 Apollo-8 Christmas season moon fly around; forerunner to the first landing on the moon.

"Frank couldn't pass but he was a team leader," Gridley now says with a laugh. "I'd tell him to pass but throw it out of bounds."

"I think I only threw two or three passes the whole year and they all were incomplete," said Borman recently, also laughing. "But I never had one intercepted."

The key to the whole thing (winning streak) was Gridley," Borman says. "He maybe was the most important figure in all our lives. He was a very powerful man."

"We had two great players on that squad in Lee Carey and Oscar Carrillo," says Tom Fridena, the team's starting center. "I think both of them could play today. We also had two very good players in Art Pacheco and Joe Kelly. The rest of us were a bunch of oddballs."

"We played great defense. In fact it was the strongest defensive team of the three. It was a team that played with a lot

of emotion. We were undersized and underweight, but we thought we could whip people. We were just a bunch of overachievers."

Seven teams, including the first five foes, were blanked. And Mesa, featuring the great Wilford "Whizzer" White, netted just 70 and 31 yards rushing in two games.

With Borman now at the helm, the Badgers rolled on, edging Austin 12-0, St. Mary's 20-0, Bisbee 32-0, and North 21-0, setting the stage for the first of two meetings with Mesa.

In a battle of unbeatens, before a Tucson city record high school crowd of 13,000 at the University of Arizona, Carrillo and Cay Morrison tallied first half touchdowns and the Badgers survived a Gail Pew to White touchdown pass for a 14-7 victory.

St. Mary's was thumped again, 17-0. Carey returned and Douglas was stopped, 28-6. In a rematch with Phoenix Union, Carey scored on a 90 yard kickoff return, a 51 yard punt return and a 52 yard sprint in a 35-7 Badger triumph.

Two tough games remained. The Badgers wore down Glendale 25-13, and then traveled to Mesa where an overflow crowd of 7,500 looked on.

Nils Johansson staked the Badgers to a 3-0 lead with a short field goal. Then, after the defense held Mesa twice deep in Badger territory, Carrillo got away on a 17 yard run to seal a 9-0 victory. Tucson sports writer Bill Nixon called it, "The toughest win for Tucson during its three year 32-victory span."

"That team had a very good line, both offensively and defensively," Gridley evaluated. "Because of that line we were able to run the ball successfully, even though people knew we couldn't throw."

One year later the streak came to a close on opening day. Austin High got an early touchdown and held Carey at its one yard line for a 7-0 victory in El Paso. After winning or sharing the mythical state crown for four years, the Badgers saw that go north to Mesa. To this day, the 32 consecutive wins still stands as a state record for Class 5A schools.

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Last year, former Peoria all-state receiver Eric Guliford (above) played with the NFL Minnesota Vikings.

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.....Phoenix Union (jr)
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1960.....MORRISON WARREN
.....South Mountain
1959.....ANDY STOGLIN
.....Phoenix Union
1958.....GEORGE HEARD
.....South Mountain
1957.....STEVE VAUGHN
.....Phoenix North
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.....Phoenix West
1955.....WILLIE PEETE
.....Mesa
1954.....BEN ANDERSON
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school's all-time best. As a sophomore, Jason averaged 7.2 yards per clip, going for 1,972 yards on 273 carries. He scored 26 TDs, including a 99-yarder against Payson. His 164 points is a single-season school record. Two-way line-man Ray Henling (6-5, 210) heads the supporting cast. Speed and size dot the roster, as wingback Isaac Larsen (6-3, 200, jr), tackle Manuel Villalobos (6-2, 220), linebacker Ken Carter (5-10, 190), guard Martin Gonzales (5-8, 165), corner Andy Scott (5-6, 155), guard Robert Nelson (6-1, 205), safety Jeff Hartman (5-7, 152), safety Justin Hartman (5-7, 152), corner Josh Johnson (5-10, 160), end Brandt Do Bosh (5-11, 160), backer Mike Macedo (5-6, 185), back T.L. Woods (5-7, 150), tackle Garrett DeSpain (6-5, 210) and quarter Jon Cook (5-11, 180) all started. Cook completed 65% of his passes. DeSpain is all-state material. This year the 'Dogs play Blue Ridge at home on Sept. 22. They also host the new kid on the block, Arizona Boys Ranch, late in October.

At **SNOWFLAKE**, the Lobos' run of three straight state championships came to an end in the quarterfinals. Still, a 7-4 record is impressive, and third-year coach Neil Westover likes the outlook. All-league tailback Mack Peterson (6-0, 165, 1,000 yards) is back, along with safety Stewart Smith (5-10, 150), another all-league pick. Flanker Tyler Mills (5-11, 180), line-men Dan Lacapa (6-0, 240) and Monte Caldwell (6-0, 175) earned postseason honors. Young Gifford Decker (6-1, 185, jr) might be the quarterback. So might Smith or Kayle McCleve. Big Jarom Brimhall (6-4, 230) and teammates Ryan West, Steve Solomon, Kamm Kartchner, Blake Adams, Billy Ervien and Joe Mathews should start. Scott Troutman, Aaron Ballard, Chad Burgess, Candon Williams, Hank Whipple, Tyler Webb, John Krier, Wayne Sides and Charlie Hall are potential starters and future prospects.

SHOW LOW could have been 6-3, but close losses to San Manuel, Snowflake and Payson led to a 3-6 finish. "We lost 18 seniors to graduation," says Bill Morgan, brother of St. Johns head coach Mike Morgan. "But we have some enthusiastic freshmen and sophomores filling the spots."

Yes, it will be a youth movement at this White Mountain school, starting with junior Jeremy "Mutt" Hall (5-10, 180, 4.7). He squats over 500 pounds and rushed for 978 yards as a sophomore. Junior Troy Merrill (6-1, 175) can play

quarterback or linebacker. Junior Randy McNeil (6-3, 185) could start at defensive end. Two-way tackle Brent Turney (5-11, 180) is very aggressive. Danny Purcell (5-10, 190) started at guard as a sophomore. Junior wideout David Williams (6-0, 160) could start in the secondary, along with young Hector Soto (5-8, 165), also a running back.

Still, leadership comes from seniors, like all-league tackle Brandon Hall (6-2, 215), talented Byron Clark (6-3, 255), the team's punter, center Eric Quackenbush (6-2, 235), two-way end Jake Power (6-0, 170), guard Bill Soroka (5-11, 180) and receiver Ryan Brewer (5-11, 165). Jarom Lewis could see playing time at quarterback. He missed last year with a broken arm. And for the first time since junior high, basketball and track star Mike Johnson will play. He's a champion high hurdler and a 6-7 high jumper. With 4.6 speed he will see action at flanker and in the secondary.

For the first time since 1987, **PAYSON** reached the Final Four. Coach Dan Dunn's club was wiped out by Blue Ridge, but so was everybody. The 8-4 Longhorns were senior dominated. Only eight players return. Nose guard Josh Collins (5-11, 180), linebacker Donovan Waterman (5-8, 170) and wideout Ryan Hammon (5-9, 160) are three good players in a really tough conference. Tackle Joe Proulx (6-4, 220) and guard Gerritt Boeck (6-1, 210) are varsity-tested seniors. Juniors Collin Robertson and Aaron Peace are two-way skilled players. Little Robertson could be the 'Horns' quarterback.

In Springerville, **ROUND VALLEY** hasn't had a winning season since veteran Tot Workman stepped down three years ago. Last year's Elks won two games. Still, several key players return, including all-league selections John Fields (5-8, 160), the team's tailback, and linebacker Marcus Hughes (5-10, 200).

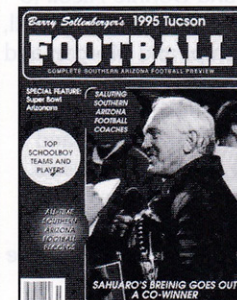
Lance Phatuross has his hands full at **HOLBROOK**, where the Roadrunners endured an injury-plagued season and a winless outing. They took their lumps. Jason Downie (5-10, 175), T.J. Ortega (5-9, 165) and Tom McDowell (5-10, 185) make up the backfield. McDowell is a junior. Two-way end Jason Best (6-1, 200) has size and speed. Dan Galvin (5-10, 190), Lloyd Mendell (5-10, 225) and junior Jon Nez (5-10, 225) form the interior line. With 10 starters back, maybe Phatuross' club can dish it out this time.

Fifteen lettermen, including the heart of the offense, return at **ARIZONA**

BOYS RANCH, which moves into the 3A East. Richard Gray replaces interim mentor Ray Perkins, who led the Spartans through a 4-5 season. Signal caller Shaune McKissic (5-9, 160) played in all nine games. Tailback Cory Cabell (5-8, 175, 4.6) gained 1,000 yards. He'll be pushed by speedster Rashid McNeal (5-9, 170, 4.6). Running backs Andre Hughes (5-8, 190) and Loyd Peters (5-10, 175) are back. Tackle Obadiah Breer (5-10, 220) is a key player. But the heart of the defense will be linebacker Nifty Wilson (6-3, 203), along with backers Tamar Armstrong (6-1, 210) and Mike Miller (6-0, 200). Safety Juan Sparkman (5-8, 160) and corner Chris McGee (5-11, 160) return. Sophomore Cody Jeffries (6-0, 210) could start at center.

3A North

The beat goes on. It won't matter what league **ST. JOHNS** plays in. Coach Mike Morgan, winner of 89% of his games, three consecutive state crowns and a state-record 35 games in a row, moves his traveling football show up a notch. For the first time in school history, St. Johns moves into the 3A Conference and



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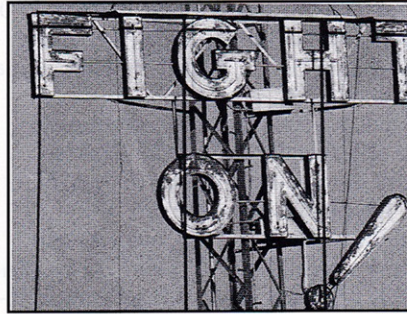
"We had a very quick, strong team," says the Redskins' mentor. "It featured an excellent senior class that wanted to win. This year might be different, with only four starters returning. Our work ethic must be good to continue winning."

Count on it. The streak will probably end, but nobody can win forever. It just seems that way in St. Johns. In senior Sam Naegle (see cover), Morgan and his staff have an excellent two-way tackle with size (6-2, 222), speed (4.7) and blood line (father John started at the University of Arizona). This year Naegle could see action at fullback. On the opposite end of the scale is safety Ryan Brown (5-8, 165), along with backs Tyler Platt (6-0, 170) and Jerry Morelan (5-10, 160) the quickest (4.6) Redskins in camp. Morelan might be the quarterback. Indeed, it might be a rebuilding (or reloading) year, with an abundance of skill in the junior class. Guard Lon Dimbatt (6-3, 260), RB/DB Spencer Jarvis (6-1, 175) and WR/DB Jason Silvers (6-1, 180) are three of the top underclassmen in the 3A North. Silvers was the quarterback on the JV team. Two-way end Kenny Morris (6-2, 180), and interior linemen Boney Morales (5-8, 185) and Donnie Nicoll (5-9, 170) - juniors all - are promising. Still, seniors show leadership, and Morgan and his staff look to Dale Ballejos, Jeff Phalen, Matt Jackson, Josh Wilhelm, Josh Keating, David "Chip" Eislely and Aaron Davis to play that role. As usual, St. Johns has a tough September schedule, with away games at Holbrook and Bayard Cobre, N.M., in addition to home games with Round Valley and Mesa Mountain View's Juniors.

Another excellent crop of juniors with size and experience resides in **TUBA CITY**. The Warriors return 15 letter winners from a 6-4 varsity which dropped three of their last four games, including a first-round playoff match to Fountain Hills. Linebacker Kyle Ashley (6-0, 205, 4.7) and center Javier Baca (5-11, 220) are all-league candidates. On offense, Ashley is the Warriors' best receiver. Quarterback Anthony Curley (5-9, 160) also plays in the secondary. Fullback James Wilson (5-11, 210) is a tough defensive end. Juniors Tyrick Eltsosie (5-8, 205), Mike Tahu (6-0, 220) and Nate Begay (6-0, 225), all two-way players, are future stars.

At **TUBA CITY GREYHILLS**, head coach Kent O. Tomah hopes more output from the senior class will push the

ALL-TIME ARIZONA HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL VICTORIES



Wins	School	Years
539	.....Mesa.....	1920-94
483	.....Tucson.....	1912-94
441	.....Safford.....	1925-94
411	.....Winslow.....	1915-94
403	.....Phoenix St. Mary's.....	1938-94
398	.....Round Valley.....	1921-94
389	.....Gilbert.....	1923-94
387	.....Douglas.....	1906-94
373	.....Flagstaff.....	1923-94
366	.....Snowflake.....	1929-94
359	.....Miami.....	1923-93
353	.....Phoenix Union.....	1913-81
341	.....Tempe.....	1924-94
341	.....Tucson Amphi.....	1939-94
332	.....Peoria.....	1933-94
314	.....Globe.....	1924-94

Knights over the hill. Too many underclassmen resulted in a 1-8 finish. One of the few seniors standing tall at preseason is Michael Tomah (6-4, 215), a TE/LB with good skills. Classmate Nate Belin (6-0, 170) is a good receiver. Kent O. Tomah III, Bruce Yazzie, Speeza Begay, Elijah Begay, Stewart Cody, Tyrone Adson, Gary Fowler, Warren Bilagody and Murphy Huskie make the junior class look promising. Huskie is a 300-pound tackle. Sophomore Hunter Redday could start.

WINDOW ROCK took a losing record into the playoffs and dropped its opener to Bradshaw Mountain. This year the Scouts hope to improve on both fronts, the won-loss column and playoff results. If success starts with the line, this club is set. Seniors Jeff Pourier (6-4, 270) and Arnett Nakaidinae (5-10, 230) are three-year starters. Fourteen Scouts return.

Wide receiver Roderick Denetson (5-10, 170), a first-team all-stater as a junior, is the key returnee at **GANADO**, where

the Hornets finished 8-3 after falling to Payson, 55-20, in the second round of the playoffs. They knocked out Cactus Shadows, 30-24, one week earlier. More than half the varsity returns, including junior QB Mike Bitsue and junior OT/LB Allenson Singer. Two-way tackle Donovan Begay (6-0, 215) is the biggest Scout in camp.

MONUMENT VALLEY, another playoff club from this region, finished 7-3 after falling to Dysart in a close one, 13-8. Half the squad returns, including promising two-way tackle Lemario Kinney, just a junior, and several experienced skill players, including Marlon Laughter, Dallas Gilmore, Jacob Holiday, Tyrone Tsosie, Fernando Joe, Cameron Gilmore, Rosi Banks and Eli Black, to name a few.

2A North

Newcomer **WILLIAMS** should make this race interesting, moving up after years of success in eight-man ball. Coach Rick Shipley expects his club to compete for a playoff spot right away. One dozen Vikings return from a 4-4 club which missed the 1A playoffs, but lost, 26-20, to state co-champ Mogollon (in double overtime) and, 22-18, to the other co-winner, Mayer. Two years ago Williams was an 11-0 state champion. Best bet for postseason honors rides with running back Duane Maloy (6-1, 180), a line-backer on defense with 4.7 speed. Two-way linemen Jason Olson (5-10, 200) and Fritz Fernow (6-0, 205) will be busy. So will quarterback prospects Mike Fuller (5-11, 170) and Chad Adams (5-10, 170), who also play in the secondary. Shipley is 43-14-1 (.754) with the Vikings.

Brian Miller likes what he sees at **ALCHESAY**, where the Falcons return six starters on both sides of the ball. A stronger, improved club with good size should do better than 2-7. Senior QB Carlos Massey (5-9, 160) and FB/LB Adrian Bennally (5-9, 210) are the leaders. Juniors David Parker (5-8, 200) and J.R. Lazalere (5-10, 170) are two other backs in Miller's Wing-T. Senior Pressley Beach (5-9, 165) is a capable receiver. Eugene Harvey (6-1, 235) is a two-way tackle. Dustin Talyumptewa (6-1, 200), Ken Crocker (5-10, 220), Dorian Titla (5-11, 215) and Earnest Walker (5-9, 165) add depth to the line. Walker is just a sophomore.

Junior quarterback Isaac Panana (6-1, 175) is highly recommended by opposing



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coaches, who like what the **HOP**I youngster did last year. What he did was lead his team to the playoffs, where the Bruins fell to Wickenburg in the first round. Several other key players were underclassmen, including speedy back Chuck Goudeau (5-10, 170, 4.3) and tackle Pernell Mahle (5-11, 215).

Too many young players led to too few victories at **MANY FARMS**. Coach Dean Cunningham's club failed to win a game. Last year the Lobos had five seniors on the entire roster, but lots of freshmen and sophomores. Youngsters like QB Rodrigo Begay, RB Perry Neal, LB Ruben Sam, OL Dwayne Yazzie, DL Benson Begay and LB Darren Curley have two and three years of varsity play ahead.

Youth was plenty at **RED MESA**, also. Three-fourths of the varsity roster returns. Underclassmen like Aaron Begay, Lonnie Ben, Elfred Nargo, Patrick Poyer and Lorenzo Herbert could be stars of the future.

The Scorpions are one year away from varsity play at **SEDONA RED ROCK**. They will field a junior varsity team only. With a small enrollment, the newest school in the county will wait one more year before scheduling varsity play. Last year, RRHS took about 200 students from nearby Mingus Union. One more year of competition at the lower level will make the going easier.

Eight-Man

Finally, veteran coach Vince Cahill landed himself a gold trophy. Since his arrival in 1986, the Wildcats have been knocking on the door. Close but no cigar. But just with his luck, it's a tie. His 1994 unit tied Mogollon, 20-20, in the 1A finals. So the trophy has to be shared. Ironically, it's the only tie in his career at **MAYER**, where his .775 winning percentage is one of the best at that level. If the 'Cats fill in holes on defense they could be back in the hunt. Some of their top players return, starting with QB Jason Kelly (6-1, 180, 4.8). Last year he hit 85 times on 136 tries for 1,367 yards (63%) and 25 touchdowns. Rushing he averaged 10.3 yards per carry. In two years he has passed for 2,549 yards and 38 scores. Receiver Tim Walsh (6-1, 175, 4.7) caught 21 passes for 457 yards (21.8 yards per catch) and nine scores. Tailback Dustin Patterson (5-9, 155, 4.7) rushed for 822 yards and scored 11 times. Doug Bennett (6-1, 170) and sophomore Nick Sebastian (6-3, 190) add depth to the

receiving corps. Senior Tim Walsh (6-0, 238) and junior Willie Coburn (5-11, 190) are two of the better guards in the 1A West. Last year's offense averaged 48.4 points per game, with a season-high 70 against Patagonia.

Co-champion **MOGOLLON** put points on the board, too. The Mustangs scored 435 during a 10-0-1 campaign, with only Williams (26-20), Orme (32-30) and Mayer (20-20) playing them close. The win over Orme will go down as one of the great playoff classics in Arizona eight-man football. "It will be tough to top last year," says Tim Slade, 18-2-1 (.900) at the Heber school. "We've lost some key players, but should have a good offense."

If they do, it will be because players like Matt Owens (6-3, 230) return to the line. The two-way tackle was an all-stater as a junior. Young halfback Wendall Crandell (5-8, 165) logged 1,018 yards and landed all-state honors. Junior Nic Porter (5-10, 150) is the fastest Mustang in camp. He returned two kickoffs for TDs against Orme, the last one with one second left in the game. The team's leading receiver, he will be switched to quarterback. Charlie Petersen (5-10, 170) plays center and defensive end. He recorded 10 quarterback sacks. Jeremiah Johnson (5-10, 170) returns to the offensive line, and could see action at linebacker. Juniors Jason Johnson (5-11, 155) and Darcy Hunt (6-2, 230) will start. Jason Gaylord, Travis Gibson, James Kelley, Ian Coldwell and Joey Valdez are game tested. Valdez, just a sophomore, does the kicking.

It was a great season at **ORME**, but a disappointing loss to Mogollon in the semifinals really hurt. Speed is the name of the game for this 1A West club, which returns six lettermen from an 8-2 finish. "How well we do depends upon our line," says veteran Bob Miller, 136-96-8 in the coaching business. "We have to develop that in the off-season to be competitive." In the backfield, Miller has one of the best athletes in 1A ball, senior Bernard Rock (5-10, 155), an all-stater in both football and basketball. With terrific speed (4.4), Rock rushed for 1,025 yards and scored 158 points. He also caught 22 passes for 427 yards, and averaged 36.8 yards per kick return. Seniors Bobby Meredith (5-9, 140) and Phil Radzinski (5-9, 205) join Rock in the backfield. These three might have the biggest offensive line in eight-man ball to run behind, starting with guard Jason Morgan (6-3, 230) and incoming freshman Yannik Boka (6-1, 270), a transfer from South Carolina.

Only two lettermen returned at **JOSEPH CITY**, but still the Wildcats finished 5-3. "We made great strides," said Jeff Crothers after the season. "We had over 30 athletes finish the season, and that helped." Eleven return, starting with RB/LB Shawn Walker (6-2, 185, 4.8), an all-region pick. He rushed for 965 yards and scored 13 TDs. Gary Rice (5-10, 170, 4.7) rushed for 660 yards. Quarterback Cory Whittaker (5-10, 150, 4.9) completed 47 of 97 passes for 1,072 yards and 15 scores. Only nine were intercepted. Junior Jason Bradbury (5-10, 170, 4.9), the team's strongest player, recorded seven QB sacks, 42 assisted tackles and three fumble recoveries. Junior Michael Rogers (6-1, 180) joins him on the line.

Seventeen lettermen, the most in the 1A West, return at **SALOME**, where the Frogs posted back-to-back 2-6 seasons. "We should improve with a team loaded with seniors," says Dan Wolfe. "The outlook should be good if we stay healthy." The Frogs have two of the best players in the league in talented Shawn Leach (6-0, 220) and Orlando Cleto (5-6, 150), an all-state kicker. Leach can play fullback, guard, defensive end, whatever, while Cleto plays tailback. Justin Valentine (5-11, 160) is the team's quarterback. Norm Norred, Jason Karr, Joey Lindquist and Carl Rogers are starters. Rogers is only a junior. Underclassmen like Brian Hancock and Joe McLander should contribute. Transfers Harold and Nathan Lawrence should improve team speed. "They are tough, hard-nosed kids, who should be a great addition to our team," adds Wolfe.

Coach "Mont" Griffiths enters his 29th season at **FREDONIA** on a sour note. The local sawmill has shut down. Who returns is a mystery. "With the shutdown, I'm not sure who will be back," says the veteran coach, 132-82-4 with the Lynx. If everything goes according to plan, all-league back Matt Bingham (5-10, 180) will be one of them. So will skill players Nathan Black (5-10, 185), Billy Johnson (5-7, 155) and Jake Bundy (5-10, 175). Senior guard Derran Tait (5-9, 230) is a quality lineman.

Last year **BAGDAD** was winless. Underclassmen dotted the roster, and several were pushed into starting duty. Guard James Markely (6-3, 250), end Stan Anaya (6-1, 170), and juniors Ben Elliott (6-2, 220) and Clint Walker (6-0, 220) have been tested. Walker plays both fullback and linebacker.



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Fredonia.....	26-6
Blue Ridge.....	47-16
Grand Canyon.....	57-8
Patagonia.....	27-12

1965 SEASON (8-0)

Opponent	Score
Salome.....	50-0
Sanders.....	50-6
Monument Valley.....	54-0
Fredonia.....	19-14
Camp Verde.....	60-33
Grand Canyon.....	50-14
Prescott St. Joseph.....	53-32
Pima.....	31-21

1966 SEASON (8-0)

Opponent	Score
Seligman.....	51-6
Fredonia.....	58-0
Ash Fork.....	78-0
Grand Canyon.....	52-13
Camp Verde.....	45-0
Mayer.....	59-12
Salome.....	48-6
St. David.....	53-6

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The view is a lot different for Fred Roybal, too. Fred is the librarian at the high school in San Manuel, Arizona, a mining town located northeast of Tucson. A long way from the White Mountains.

"There weren't many students at this school who ever heard of McNary," says Roybal, "much less find it on a map. So I tell them. Now they know."

But 30 years ago, that wasn't the case. If you followed high school football, you read about McNary, often. Even if you couldn't find it on a map.

Head coach Duca and assistant Roybal were a coaching team and a big part of history. History in the old Class C North, today called the 1A North. Today the schools play eight-man football. But between 1938 and 1966, Arizona's tiny high schools, along with the rest of the country's smallest schools, played six-man ball.

The competition was far, far away. Rivals had names like Phantoms, Frogs, Pirates or Lynx. The traveling budget was bigger than the equipment budget.

"Once, during the basketball season, we covered three states and more than 1,000 miles," remembers Duca, who came to McNary from New Jersey. "Just to fill a schedule, we went to Fredonia, spent the night in Kanab, Utah, back to Page, over to Gallup, New Mexico, to play at Sanders, then home."

Yes, the travel budget for schools in the old Class C North was tested to the limit. From McNary to Camp Verde ... to Salome ... to Ash Fork ... to Grand Canyon ... to Fredonia ... to Seligman ... Truly a thousand-mile league.

In Arizona, there are ghost towns and dead towns. McNary is somewhere in between. Little remains of the town where the sawmill whined and log trains roared. McNary never really died, but is just a shadowy semblance of its former self. It probably deserves to be called a ghost town.

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It happened on Thursday night, October 11, 1934, in Hebron, Nebraska. Drafted by Stephen Epler, an assistant coach at Beatrice High, the inaugural six-man game for "small American high schools" was played. It was a double-header, between Chester and Hardy, Alexandria and Belvidere.

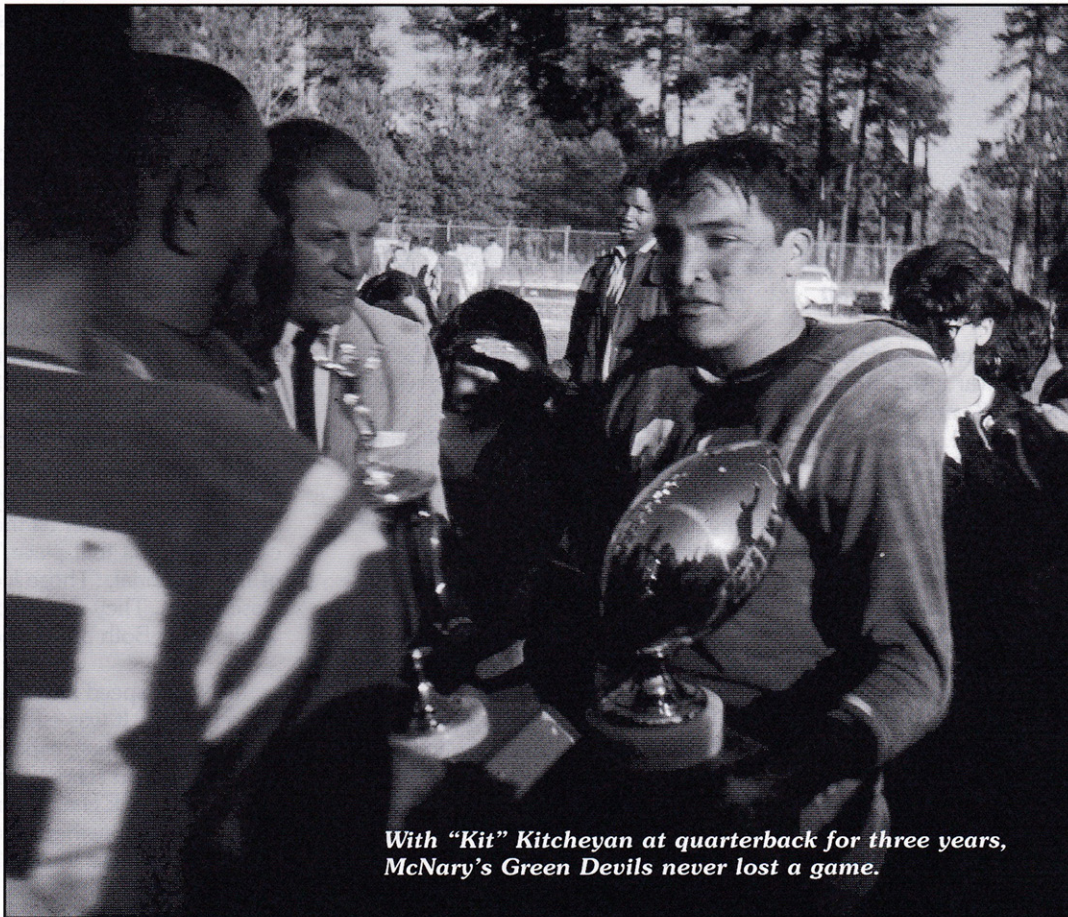
"So many small schools couldn't field teams because there wasn't enough boys in the school to scrimmage," said Epler. "So a lot of schools didn't play football, or those who did got killed playing larger schools with more boys. It wasn't fair. Now with the six-man game, more teams can compete."

Ironically, Arizona's first six-man state champion was Phoenix Union, in 1938. The Coyotes spanked Patagonia, 43-22, in the finals. The losers had less than 200 students in the school. Phoenix Union had 3,800. The game produced two Six-Man High School All-Americans, sponsored annually by *Carnation*: Phoenix Union's Sonny Karnofsky, who later played for the Philadelphia Eagles, and Patagonia's Nick Johnson, who later pitched for Arizona State. The Coyotes, playing with players who couldn't make the varsity, dominated the all-state team. The Class C Conference then booted them out of the league.

McNary first fielded a six-man team in 1941, and promptly dropped their opener to Seligman, 60-6. "Shorty" Jordan was the lone bright spot in an otherwise dismal afternoon. The schedule was murder, and so was the opposition. Travel time and distance made road trips rough.

Seligman, Ash Fork and White Mountain reservation schools Fort Apache and East Fork dotted the roster.

Because of World War II and a limited travel budget, few games were played until the war ended. In 1947, a Pat Murphy-coached squad compiled a 6-2 record and won the conference six-man crown. The Devils beat Holbrook in the first 11-man game played by the school to that date. All other games were six-man. Co-captain Billy McGhee was the Devils' leading scorer. He scored six touchdowns during a 65-0 win over Fort Apache. Quarterback Ted Espinoza and halfback Red McAlister earned honorable



With "Kit" Kitcheyan at quarterback for three years, McNary's Green Devils never lost a game.

mention all-state recognition. Walter Shaw, Buddy Myers, "Scrappy" Blackwell, Henry Armijo, Sammy Chilimidos, Earl Baker, Bob Windham, Bill Benson, Raymond Kayona, Narvel Holladay and Jackie Jordan filled out the roster.

Growth-wise, the years between 1940 and 1960 were the heydays of the town. White Mountain residents went there to shop in the large, well-stocked general store, or visit the theater, or do business at the bank. McNary had the only first-class hospital and clinic on the mountain, and the best doctors. It also had the Green Devils.

Like all small towns in the country, high school sports is the only game in town. It was no different in McNary.

The population growth pushed the high school enrollment into the 11-man football ranks. But just barely. One dozen years in the B-North was no picnic. In 1948, its first year in the league, the Devils won only one game. Throughout the years coaches John Pavlich, George Henry, Walter Shaw, Ed Pomeroy and Dick Lucas had their hands full.

"We are always on the bubble," said Pavlich, who later coached at Globe and Tucson Sunnyside. "We're a real small Class B school. Sometimes, because of

sickness or injury, we can't scrimmage. We don't have enough kids. The six-man game was perfect for us. But we struggle in 11-man. We don't have the bodies."

As many as 2,000 people called McNary home. The town grew with separate quarters for Negroes, Mexicans, Indians and Anglos, each of which had its own elementary school, church and cafe. But segregation stopped at the high school. There was little if any racial tension.

Today, Gerald Kirkpatrick is in the insurance business in Scottsdale. But the former A.I.A. football official remembers his roots. As a youngster, his family lived in McNary, just a stone's throw from the football field.

"Friday afternoon we would go out to the stadium and throw rocks off the field," says Kirkpatrick, who as a seventh-grader was the manager of the varsity football team. "That's what a bunch of us did for home games. We helped get the field ready."

"The school had very few black athletes at the time, but just enough to make it interesting," he claims. "I'll never forget a trip to Springerville. I was the manager, the little kid always in the way. The team had two black players, Robert Spencer

and Whitford Cross, and, when we walked into this restaurant, we were told they had to eat outside. So coaches (John) Pavlich and (George) Henry took the team to a grocery store, bought us food and we ate in the bus."

During this era, McNary's treasure chest of talent started to grow. Athletes like Julian Castillo, Walter Lee Davis, Buck Jones, Jerry Benson, Stanley Stephens, Johnny Weaver, Terry Penrod, Glen Holden and Jewell Russell, to name a few, put McNary on the map.

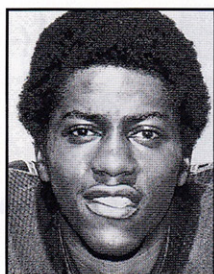
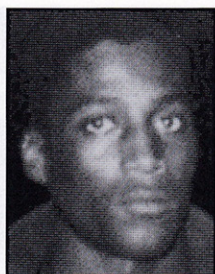
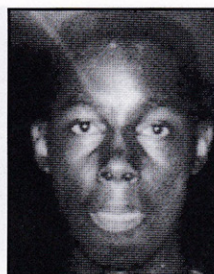
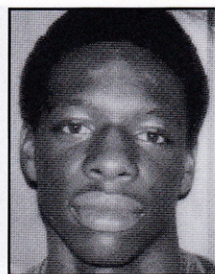
In every sport.

"Things were different then," adds Kirkpatrick. "Rules weren't enforced like today. Nobody knew how old anybody was. Terry Penrod was two years behind me in school, but two years older. Figure that out."

"Penrod was a strange one," said Jewell Russell recently. "After football he disappeared. We never saw him again until September."

Russell, a tremendous black athlete who came from Little Rock, Arkansas, burst upon the scene in 1958, during a four-touchdown day against Mingus Union. He was just a junior. Cousin Oscar was a sophomore. One year later, during a 56-0 win over East Fork, Jewell scored

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Carl Russell

Jewell Russell

Robert Hardy

Victor Shumate

six TDs. Oscar hit paydirt twice against Ganado, both in spectacular fashion: 89-yard pass interception, 78-yard punt return, and tossed a 68-yard scoring strike to Jewell. During a 27-6 upset of Round Valley, Oscar scored four times. It was the last 11-man game the school ever played.

By 1960, the Devils were back in the six-man business. Arizona's Class C ranks would never be the same. While coaches like Dick Lucas, Pete Duca and Fred Roybal ran the show, athletes like George Herman, Robert Hardy, Vince Perez, Willie Nash, Edward Russell, Leo Thomas, Willie Flanagan, Charles Bosley, David Kitcheyan, Jerry Russell, Billy Ward, Harding Stingley, Ernest Madrid, Frank Holland, Paul Flanagan, David Russell, Byron Stingley and Carl Russell – first team all-staters – became high school legends.

"Not everybody in town was a Russell, it just seemed that way," insists Kirkpatrick. "The Russell family probably gained more yards and scored more points in football than the entire Pac-10 Conference has in 10 years."

With less than 150 students, McNary opened the 1960 campaign at home with Tuba City, and routed the Warriors, 55-6. Oscar Russell scored his first of 25 touchdowns during an eight-game schedule. But a near-perfect season was marred by the forfeiture of four games, all routs: 55-6 over Tuba, 48-0 over Sanders, 59-32 with rival Lakeside, and 39-27 over Camp Verde. The Devils forfeited the wins for using an ineligible player. Ironically Tuba City, a McNary victim, advanced to the state playoffs.

During the next decade, the Green Devils won 85% of their football games, and averaged more points than any school in state history – regardless of class. In 1963, two old neighbors and arch-rivals scored nearly 100 points in a 65-34 loss to Lakeside. The Yellowjackets' Steve Penrod and Jim Deathrage were too much for the Green Devils. During one three-year reign of terror (1964 to 1966), Lucas and his collec-

tion of speed merchants went undefeated and proved to the football world why the "Mercy Rule" was adapted.

"I didn't like that rule," says Roybal. "When the games were over at half we didn't get a chance to play our second stringers. The boys on the bench didn't get much playing time."

"I don't know when they put the rule in," says Jewell Russell. "There was this one season ... McNary would have averaged 100 points per game. We're talking football here. Not basketball."

The season was 1966, another state championship trip. With nine boys in the graduating class, McNary went 8-0 and played only one full game, a 52-13 rout of Grand Canyon. Jerry Russell started the season with six touchdowns in a 51-6 win over Seligman. The game was called at halftime. Three months later he gained 109 yards on eight carries and scored four TDs during a 53-6 rout of St. David in the state finals. The Devils averaged 55.5 points to their opponent's 5.4.

The championship run started in the '64 opener, when sophomore quarterback David "Kit" Kitcheyan threw six TD passes against Camp Verde. By November, Grand Canyon's Phantoms were unbeaten and averaging 62 points per game, staging a key league matchup. Final score: Green Devils 57, Phantoms 8.

"You hate to single out one player, when we had so many good ones, but Kitcheyan was probably the best overall player we had then," claims Duca. "He was a perfect high school quarterback. He had great composure. Never got upset."

In the state finals with Patagonia, Jerry Russell's 50-yard punt return and Bobby Perez's 75-yard kickoff return were key scores in a hard fought 27-13 win over the Lobos. McNary finished with a 42.7 scoring average. In 1965, Kitcheyan's passing and Jerry Russell's running was just too much. Only Fredonia, on a wet, slick field, played the Devils close, a 19-14 McNary win. During two free-scoring affairs, a 60-33 win over Camp Verde and a 53-32 triumph over St. Joseph, Jerry Russell was terrific. He scored five

times against the Prescott school. Tied in the third quarter, McNary held off a strong performance from Pima in the state finals, winning 31-21.

"What made McNary so strong was speed," said Ed Hubbard, Pima High School's head coach for 10 seasons. "They had more black kids than any school in Class C. Speed-wise, it was always a mismatch."

That '65 Green Devil unit had only 10 boys in the senior class, but all played football. Two cousins, Juan Sedillo and Ernest Madrid, were killed in Viet Nam. Madrid scored 19 touchdowns for the champs. Today, their names are engraved on the Viet Nam Memorial Wall at the Wesley Bolin Plaza in downtown Phoenix.

"Even today, after all these years, I couldn't go visit that place," says Roybal of the memorial. "Those kids were real close to me. They died in combat one week apart. Both are buried in McNary."

McNary's speed and skill was not limited to football. It was even more evident in track and basketball, especially track. The White Mountain school produced 27 individual state track champions, a unique feat for a cold-weather school.

"How bad were the tracks up there?" asks Oscar Russell, for the past 28 years employed in Phoenix by the phone company. "They were terrible. I'd run 9.9 at McNary, then go off to college and run 9.7 in my first meet."

"I don't remember my times back then," smiles Jewell Russell. "But the guys in town who ran 9.8 or 9.9 couldn't beat me. We just never had any good tracks to run on. It snowed all spring, sometimes."

To this day, Carl Russell's 22-feet, 8-inch long jump in the 1973 state meet is still a record for 1A schools. Russell (6-3, 175) was considered one of the most versatile athletes ever produced at McNary. An all-state quarterback as a sophomore, he could do it all on a football field. During a 44-8 win over Joseph City, he passed for three TDs, ran for two more, gained 234 yards and intercepted two passes ... a typical Russell day.

During the 1972-73 basketball season, he set a state record which still stands, averaging 27.5 rebounds per game. He grabbed 48 rebounds against Salome's Frogs, 43 against Mayer's Wildkats. Two years later Russell was a defensive back for Frank Kush's undefeated Arizona State football team which defeated Nebraska in the Fiesta Bowl.

In 1967, a big change was made in Class C football. The state, along with most of the country, switched from six-

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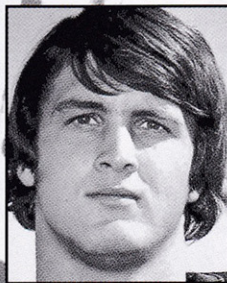
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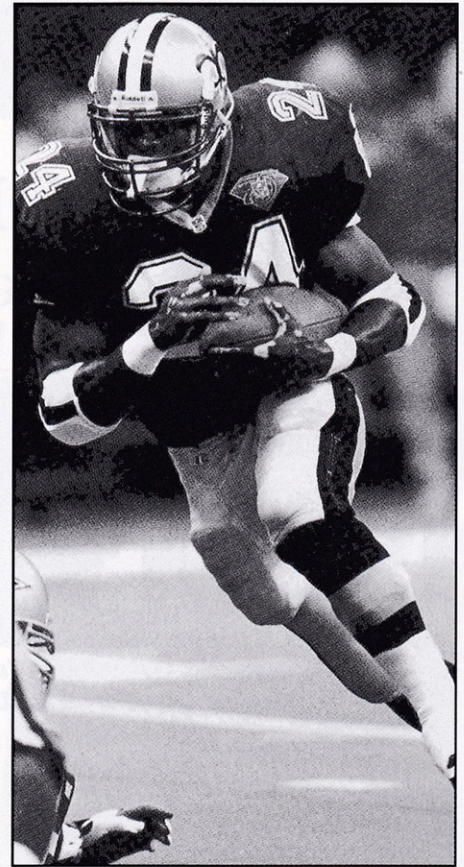
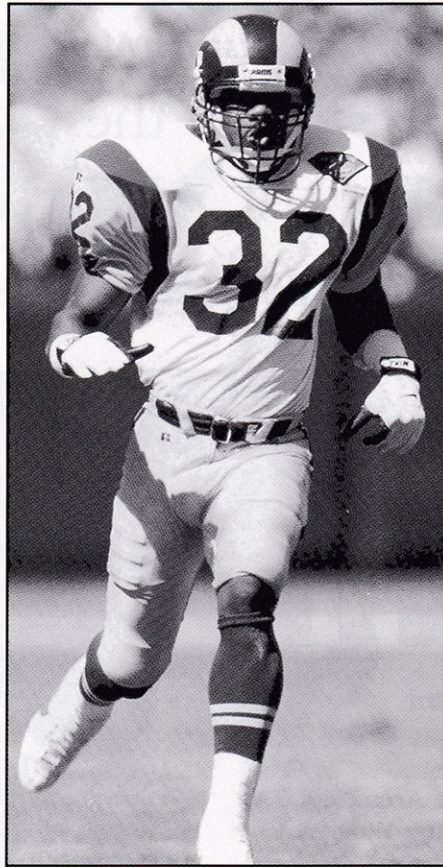
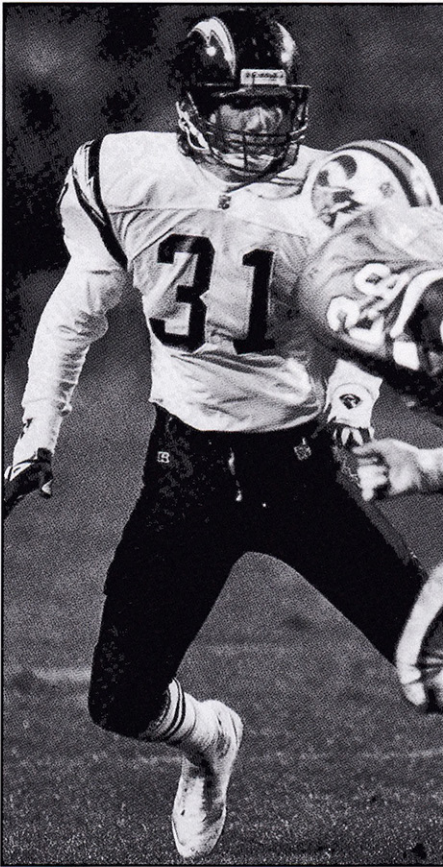
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While San Diego defensive back Brian Davis (31) switched to Minnesota, Toby Wright (32) of the Los Angeles Rams and Mario Bates (24) of the New Orleans Saints shined as rookies where they started. Last year, 26 former Arizona high schoolers dotted NFL rosters.

Still Soaring at a High Level

If you're new to the Grand Canyon State, here's a short history lesson about schoolboy football that surprises most newcomers.

Arizona continues to lay claim as the third best high school sports state west of the Mississippi. Two years ago, excluding super-populated powers California and Texas, no state in the West had more former schoolboy products on NFL rosters (31) than Arizona.

Next in line came Washington (20), followed by Colorado (15), Oklahoma (14) and Kansas (14). Arizona's total was a single-season record for the Cactus State, surpassing the 28 which dotted NFL rosters in 1992. Last fall, 26 former Arizona products received NFL paychecks (see chart), including injured receiver Anthony Edwards of the Phoenix Cardinals, lineman Rob Waldrop of Kansas City and nicked up defensive back Kevin Scott of the Detroit Lions.

Seven former players from the Arizona high school ranks went in April's NFL draft, and with key free agents like former San Manuel tackle Warner Smith (Colts)

and Tempe Marcos de Niza linebacker Bryan Hooks (Cardinals) given a good chance to make clubs, the record (31) could fall.

Between 1916 and 1969, high schools from the Phoenix area played 219 games against teams from outside the state. Schools like Phoenix Union (now closed), St. Mary's, Mesa and North locked horns against teams from Nebraska, Texas, California, Utah, New Mexico, Colorado and Nevada.

The Capitol City boys did themselves proud, winning 130 games, losing 73 and tying 16. Schools from as far away as Port Arthur, Texas, and Boys Town, Nebraska fought it out on Arizona turf.

Brown University, an Ivy League school, could start three former Arizona all-staters this fall.

The most amazing record was the surprising success Mesa High had against teams from Southern California. Edgar "Mutt" Ford-coached clubs never lost to a California school. They were 10-0-0 against West Coast clubs, including a surprising 40-13 win over 1954 CIF champ Compton Centennial.

"This was the best team we faced all year," said Centennial coach Aaron Wade after the debacle. "We passed more than usual because we didn't want to get any of our backs hurt for the playoffs next week. But Mesa really trounced us."

Two key changes have taken place in the past 40 years, including a tremendous population growth in Phoenix and Tucson. Less out-of-state games have been played with California schools. It's simply not necessary; teams no longer need to travel to Texas or the West Coast to fill schedules.

One other change has been the increase in Arizona products reaching the pro ranks. It comes with the population growth. However, several states in the West have more people than Arizona, but

less players in both the college and pro football ranks.

"The odds against a high school senior playing football in the NFL are roughly 1,000 to one," said Fred Mares of the National Federation of High School Sports, located in Kansas City.

To be exact, one out of every 1,233 high school players land in the NFL, although that will increase with the addition of the Carolina Panthers and the Jacksonville Jaguars to the league.

Based on the fact that 13,000 Arizona youngsters played football at 165 schools last fall, having 26 on NFL rosters is above the norm.

"That really surprises me," added Mares, editor of the Federation's annual record book. "To have less than 200 high schools produce that many pro players is unique."

But so is Arizona lately, which has seen many of its high profile blue-chip football products leave the state to play college ball. In the past decade alone, more and more top-notch players are enrolling at schools like Nebraska, Washington, UCLA and USC, to name a few. Brown University, an Ivy League school, could start three former Arizona all-stars this fall.

This is a far cry from not too long ago, when Arizona State and Arizona grabbed up 95% of the state's top prospects. How much has college football changed in Tempe? Two years ago, Northern Arizona University had more receivers (3) in the NFL than Arizona State (2).

The cream of the crop is the NFL, and Arizona products show up everywhere. When Super Bowl champion San Francisco walked off the Miami turf last January with another ring, offensive tackle Frank Pollack had his first. The former NAU Lumberjack, a Phoenix Greenway graduate, became the most recent in a growing list of Arizona products to play in the Super Bowl.

In fact, it was a banner streak for Greenway High alum. Earlier, former Demon Tim Salmon, an outfielder with the California Angels, landed American League Rookie of the Year honors.

Several different Arizona high schools have multiple players in the league. South Mountain, the state's all-time leader (10) has two: Steve Jordan and Byron Evans. So does Scottsdale Horizon, Arizona's 5A champions of 1994, with Cincinnati line-man Ty Parten and Kansas City's Waldrop, the '93 Outland Trophy winner.

Phoenix Maryvale has three grads in the NFL today: Dallas strong safety Darren Woodson, New York Giant defensive back Phillippi Sparks, and rookie

PRO PARADE

The 26 Arizona schoolboy products in the NFL in 1994.

QB Rodney Peete, Dallas Cowboys (Tucson Sahuaro)	USC
RB Mario Bates, New Orleans Saints (Tucson Amphitheater)	ASU
WR Michael Bates, Seattle Seahawks (Tucson Amphitheater)	Arizona
WR *Anthony Edwards, Arizona Cardinals (Casa Grande)	N.M. Highlands
WR Eric Guliford, Minnesota Vikings (Peoria)	ASU
TE Steve Jordan, Minnesota Vikings (South Mountain)	Brown
TE Kurt Haws, Washington Redskins (Mesa Mountain View)	Utah
OL Randall McDaniel, Minnesota Vikings (Agua Fria)	ASU
OL John Fina, Buffalo Bills (Tucson Salpointe)	Arizona
OL Danny Villa, Kansas City Chiefs (Nogales)	ASU
OL Todd Kalis, Pittsburgh Steelers (Phoenix Thunderbird)	ASU
OL Frank Pollack, San Francisco 49ers (Phoenix Greenway)	NAU
OL Dale Hellestrae, Dallas Cowboys (Scottsdale Saguaro)	SMU
OL Mike Keim, Seattle Seahawks (Round Valley)	BYU
P Jeff Feagles, Arizona Cardinals (Phoenix Gerard)	Miami (Fla.)
LB *Byron Evans, Philadelphia Eagles (South Mountain)	Arizona
DB Darren Woodson, Dallas Cowboys (Phoenix Maryvale)	ASU
DB Anthony Parker, Minnesota Vikings (Tempe McClintock)	ASU
DB Brian Davis, Minnesota Vikings (Phoenix Cortez)	Nebraska
DB *Kevin Scott, Detroit Lions (Phoenix St. Mary's)	Stanford
DB Phillippi Sparks, New York Giants (Phoenix Maryvale)	ASU
DB Muhammad Oliver, Miami Dolphins (Phoenix North)	Oregon
DB Kevin Miniefield, Chicago Bears (Phoenix Camelback)	ASU
DB Toby Wright, Los Angeles Rams (Mesa Dobson)	Nebraska
DL Ty Parten, Cincinnati Bengals (Scottsdale Horizon)	Arizona
DL *Rob Waldrop, Kansas City Chiefs (Scottsdale Horizon)	Arizona

DRAFTED NEWCOMERS

RB Ryan Christopherson, Jacksonville Jaguars (Cactus)	Wyoming
OL Frank Garcia, Carolina Panthers (Phoenix Maryvale)	Washington
PK Cole Ford, Pittsburgh Steelers (Tucson Sabino)	USC
PK Steve McLaughlin, St. Louis Rams (Tucson Sahuaro)	Arizona
LB Sean Harris, Chicago Bears (Tucson High)	Arizona
LB Jason Kyle, Seattle Seahawks (Tempe McClintock)	ASU
DB Mike Skurlock, St. Louis Rams (Tucson Cholla)	Arizona

**injured reserve*

center Frank Garcia, a fourth-round pick of the Carolina Panthers. Woodson and Sparks starred at Arizona State. Barring injury, watch for current Sun Devil safety Mitchell Freedman to someday reach this level.

Tucson Sahuaro has two: Dallas Cowboy backup quarterback Rodney Peete, the state Player of the Year as a junior, and rookie Steve McLaughlin of the St. Louis Rams, one of the nation's premier kickers.

It looks like Tempe McClintock might land two, with defensive back Anthony Parker switching from Minnesota to St. Louis and ASU linebacker Jason Kyle going in the fourth round to Seattle. Last

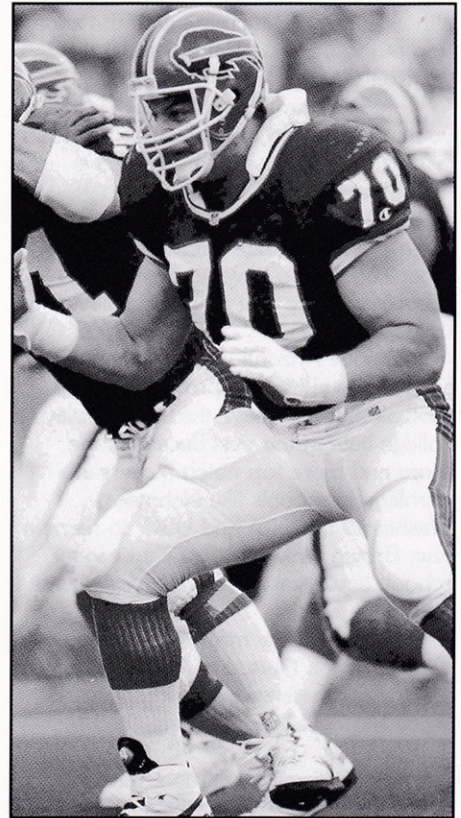
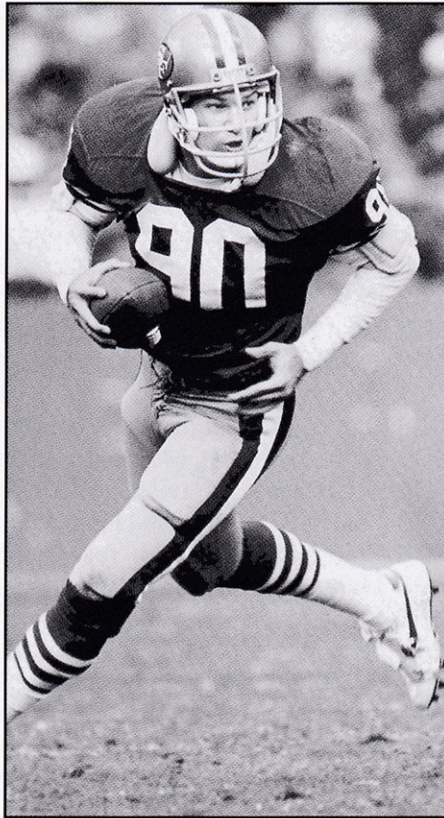
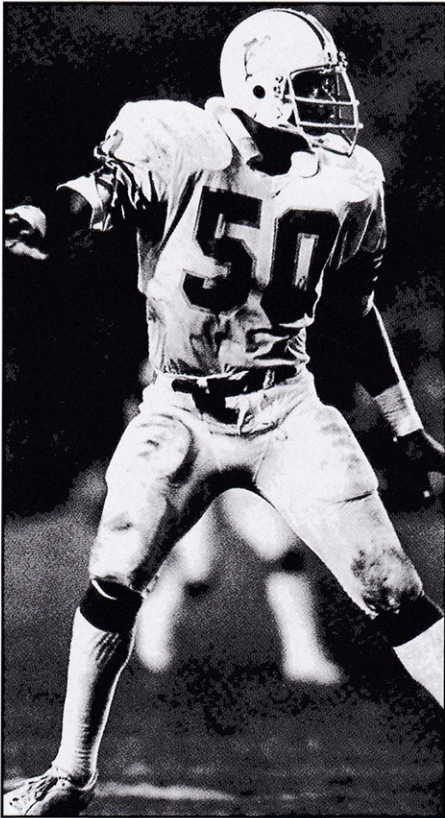
year, Parker, a member of A-State's '87 Rose Bowl champions, became the first defensive player in NFL history to score touchdowns in three straight games.

The former high school Player of the Year returned an interception 41 yards for a TD against Tampa Bay, a fumble 23 yards against Green Bay and an interception 44 yards against the Giants.

Parker played in the same secondary as Eric Allen, Philadelphia's standout cornerback, when they were in college. Many scouts believed Parker was better than Allen entering their senior years. But a knee injury cost Parker most of that season and lots of early playing time in the National Football League.

Super Bowl Arizonaans

Since statehood, hundreds of Arizona high school products have played professional football in the United States and Canada. But only a few - 17 to be exact - have played in the Super Bowl



The late Larry Gordon (50), one of Phoenix Union's all-time greats, Mountain View linebacker Todd Shell (90) and Tucson Salpointe tackle John Fina (70) have played in the "big one."

By Barry Sollenberger

Last January, with millions tuned in to TV and 74,107 watching from \$200-and-up seats in Miami's Joe Robbie Stadium, the San Francisco 49ers smashed records, rolled up points and sprinted away from the San Diego Chargers, 49-26, in Super Bowl XXIX.

The next day, Monday morning's front page edition of *The Arizona Republic* featured 49er tackle Frank Pollack saluting the crowd. The same Frank Pollack who attended Greenway High in Phoenix and Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff.

Another former Arizona high school athlete had played in a Super Bowl.

Since statehood, several hundred Arizona schoolboy products have played

professional football, in the United States and Canada. But only an elite group - 17 to be exact - have played in the Super Bowl.

Since 1964, it is doubtful that Arizona has produced a better defensive lineman than Yuma's Curley Culp (see opposite page photo). Why 1964? That's when Culp played his last prep football game. It was the North-South All-Star contest, played in Flagstaff at Northern Arizona University's old Lumberjack Stadium.

It may have been the best all-star game in Arizona history, a 28-20 win by the North. Four players from that game later joined Culp in the National Football League: South Mountain end Bob Wallace (Chicago Bears), Agua Fria guard Bill Lueck (Green Bay Packers), Agua Fria quarterback-linebacker Rusty Tillman

(Washington Redskins) and Chandler defensive back Gordon Rule (Green Bay Packers). Culp and Tillman both played in Super Bowls.

But Culp was first. The former NCAA heavyweight wrestling champion from Arizona State joined Buck Buchanan, Jerry Mays and Aaron Brown to form Kansas City's forward wall which stuffed Minnesota in Super Bowl IV, 23-7.

As a schoolboy in Yuma, Culp was not only a state heavyweight wrestling champ, but a participant in two historic football games: the '64 all-star classic, and an incredible upset of state champion Scottsdale Arcadia in 1962, a team ranked No. 8 in the U.S.A.

During Culp's senior year at Yuma, a teammate was sophomore Ron Jessie, later a track and football star at the

University of Kansas. In 1980, when Pittsburgh beat Los Angeles, 31-19, in Super Bowl XIV, half the Rams' receiving corps – Jesse and Tempe Marcos de Niza's Preston Dennard – were former Arizona high school stars.

Danny White started at quarterback for the Dallas Cowboys for seven seasons, but in Super Bowls XII and XIII, he was a backup to Hall of Famer Roger Staubach. Still, White has a Super Bowl ring. So does teammate Bob Breunig, the Cowboys' starting linebacker, and like White a former Arizona State star. Both played college ball for Frank Kush. Breunig played high school ball at Phoenix Alhambra.

The late Larry Gordon, one of Phoenix Union's all-time greats, started at linebacker for Miami in Super Bowl XVII, a 27-17 loss to Washington. Gordon, possibly Arizona State's all-time best linebacker, died of a heart attack in 1983, his eighth year in the league. Today, an award given to the state's best high school linebacker is named in his honor.

Riki Gray was an all-state linebacker at Tucson Amphi and a Pac-10 terror at USC. In San Francisco he changed his last name to Ellison, but kept his football ability intact. In 1985, the 49ers beat Miami in Super Bowl XIX, and in 1989 beat Cincinnati. Riki wears two Super Bowl rings.

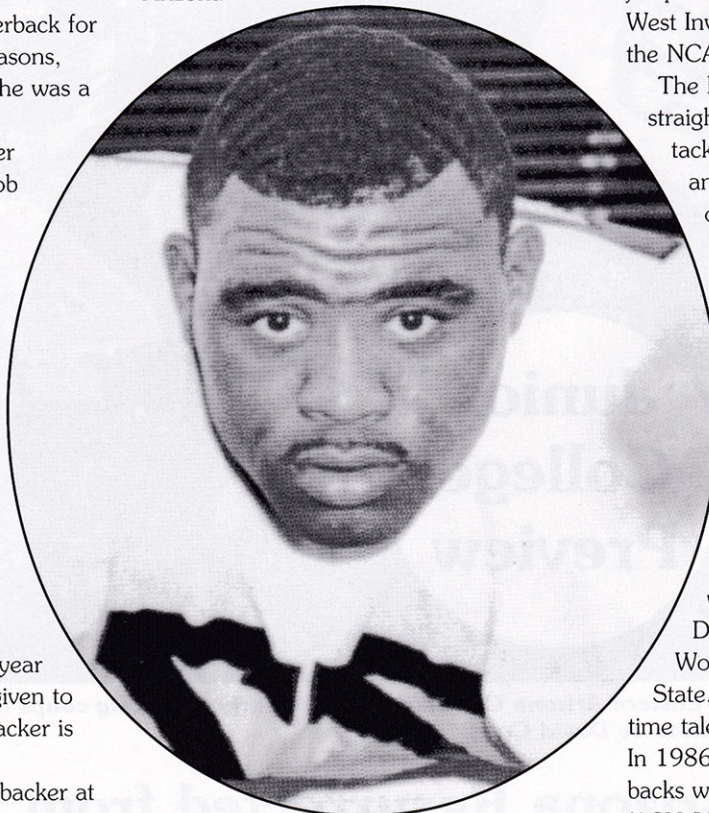
So does teammate Todd Shell, another terrific Arizona linebacker. The former Mesa Mountain View all-stater and BYU star was the No. 1 pick (24th overall) of the 49ers in 1984, and played five seasons before retiring from the league due to a spinal injury. Today he is the head coach of the San Jose SaberCats of the Arena Football League.

Joining Ellison and Shell on San Francisco's '89 Super Bowl club was defensive back Tory Nixon, a former Shadow Mountain High and San Diego State star.

Much traveled Brian Davis, a Phoenix Cortez product who made it big at Nebraska, finished the '94 campaign with the Minnesota Vikings. Earlier, he roamed the secondary for the San Diego

Chargers. In January of 1988, Davis was in the secondary of the World Champion Washington Redskins as they skinned the Denver Broncos, 42-10.

Speaking of Denver, two former Arizona



stars, wide receiver Vance Johnson (Tucson Cholla) and defensive back Randy

Robbins (Casa Grande), played in three Super Bowls. Johnson, both a state and NCAA long jump champ, and Robbins, a basketball star, were terrific schoolboy athletes. In high school, Johnson long jumped 25-feet, 8-inches at the Golden West Invitational; 26-feet, 11-inches at the NCAA finals.

The Buffalo Bills recently lost three straight Super Bowls, but don't blame tackle John Fina (Tucson Salpointe), an offensive starter who holds his own. John played in back-to-back games in 1993 and 1994, when the Bills lost both classics to the Dallas Cowboys, 52-17 and 30-13.

On the winning team was starting snapper Dale Hellestrae (Scottsdale Saguaro) and safety Darren Woodson (Phoenix Maryvale). These two Cowboys wear four Super Bowl rings between them. Hellestrae was a former teammate of Eric Dickerson's at SMU, while Woodson, before playing at Arizona State, was a member of one of the all-time talented backfields at Maryvale High. In 1986, the Panthers' three running backs were Woodson, Phillippi Sparks (ASU/New York Giants) and Kevin Galbreath, MVP of the 1992 Arizona State-Arizona football game in Tucson.

Super Bowl Arizonans

Player/Pro Team/High School	Bowl Year
Curley Culp, Kansas City Chiefs (Yuma).....	1970
Rusty Tillman, Washington Redskins (Agua Fria)	1973
Danny White, Dallas Cowboys (Mesa Westwood)	1978, '79
Bob Breunig, Dallas Cowboys (Phoenix Alhambra)	1978, '79
Preston Dennard, Los Angeles Rams (Tempe Marcos de Niza)	1980
Ron Jessie, Los Angeles Rams (Yuma)	1980
Larry Gordon, Miami Dolphins (Phoenix Union)	1983
Riki Gray, San Francisco 49ers (Tucson Amphi).....	1985, 1989
Todd Shell, San Francisco 49ers (Mesa Mountain View)	1985, 1989
Vance Johnson, Denver Broncos (Tucson Cholla)	1987, '88, '90
Randy Robbins, Denver Broncos (Casa Grande).....	1987, '88, '89
Brian Davis, San Francisco 49ers (Phoenix Cortez)	1988
Tory Nixon, San Francisco 49ers (Shadow Mountain)	1989
Dale Hellestrae, Dallas Cowboys (Scottsdale Saguaro).....	1993, '94
Darren Woodson, Dallas Cowboys (Phoenix Maryvale).....	1993, '94
John Fina, Buffalo Bills (Tucson Salpointe)	1993, '94
Frank Pollack, San Francisco 49ers (Phoenix Greenway)	1995



Junior College Preview

Back in the football business, Eastern Arizona College landed an early recruiting coup in Mesa High School tailback Gerald Green (Mesa Tribune photo by David Cruz).

Eastern Arizona Resurrected from the Dead

By Bart Conley

Football is back at Eastern Arizona College in Thatcher. A fall team has been put on the fast track.

The matter was decided in January during the Graham County Community College District Governing Board's meeting, with a 3-2 split vote.

It reversed a 14-month-old decision which eliminated the program one year earlier. But since the 1993 decision was made, the make-up of the board has changed. One major change was the seating of Ladd Mullenau, the former athletic director and Dean of Students at the time of the decision. He retired from EAC the following June.

Dropping football affected more than just EAC. It affected scheduling in the Arizona Community College ranks. Member football schools like Arizona Western, Phoenix, Glendale, Scottsdale and Mesa had to look elsewhere to fill their schedules.

The Graham County board set the maximum budget at \$350,000, with 75

football scholarships of varying degrees for the '95 season. The board did not approve a new bus, but indicated they would probably charter for trips outside the state, and use the existing transportation instate.

The board also authorized three full-time and three part-time assistant coaches in addition to a head coach. That position was filled by Paul Tidwell, a former coach at Snow College in Utah.

The resurrection of football at Eastern is about the only news in the league. Everything else looks the same. Mesa, the defending Valley of the Sun Bowl champion, looks like the team to beat. Glendale looks almost as good. Scottsdale, with another top-flight recruiting class, is on the rise. Phoenix has another head coach.

Obviously, winning the conference title and the Valley of the Sun bowl made for a good year at **MESA**. Key wins over Antelope Valley, Dixie and Hutchinson highlighted a 6-4 campaign. "Beating three nationally ranked teams, and Glendale so decisively, made it memo-

orable," says David Rice, a former assistant at Glendale.

The Thunderbirds' defense is solid, with five starters back. Linebacker Adam Hayden (6-1, 238) picked off four passes, recorded six sacks, 87 tackles and earned all-league. Down lineman Mac Smith (6-3, 270), a good student who is being heavily recruited, made 44 unassisted tackles and four sacks. Speedy Dorian Bow (5-9, 170), one of the team's quickest players with 4.4 speed, intercepted four passes on the corner. Sophomore Shane James (6-3, 270), a transfer from Louisiana Tech, can really run.

"With Chris Estes on the roster, we have the best kicker in the nation," claims Rice, who returns 36 lettermen. Last year Estes kicked five field goals in a single game, 16 on the season while leading the nation in that category. Offensively, wide-out Daniel Jones (6-0, 180, 4.4), another all-league pick, caught 50 passes for 676 yards. Big John Larsen (6-3, 290) helps form a solid front.

Mesa landed its usual crop of talented newcomers from the high school ranks,

including two key figures in Peoria's trip to the 4A finals: fullback Shannon Coulter (5-10, 245) and tackle Mike Kalin (6-4, 295). Jeff Voigt (5-11, 195), the star quarterback from state 5A champ Scottsdale Horizon, may switch to safety. Giant tackle Brian Brooks (6-7, 330), an all-stater from Missouri, could start.

It was a disappointing season at **GLENDALE**, at least by its standards. "We're looking to rebound and play to our potential," says Joe Kersting, whose Gauchos dipped to 4-4-1. "We have a lot of experience in the front seven and skill positions, but our kicking game is a question."

Each play starts with the center snap, and Glendale has a good one in center Justin Moss (6-3, 270), one of seven key sophomores. At 6-7, 300-pounds, tackle Sebastian Craynon is the biggest Gaucho on the offensive line. With 4.5 speed, Troy Campbell is the quickest in the offensive backfield. Derek Drumtra (6-0, 185) is a speedy wide receiver.

But in past years, Glendale has ruled the roost with defense. That will be the determining factor again – if end Kane Dale (6-2, 235), linebacker Jason Daigle (6-2, 235) and defensive back Alex Hollowell (6-2, 178) play to their potential.

Here's a prediction: When the new Pima Freeway connects Mesa with Scottsdale next year, the Artichokes program will take off. **SCOTTSDALE** is headed in the right direction anyway. Land Jacobsen's 3-5-1 club lost four games by 11 points. Biggest loss is quarterback Joe Germaine, who passed for 10 miles then left for Ohio State.

Watch for Phoenix Christian grad Tim Rattay (6-2, 185) to pick up the slack. Last year the all-state signal caller passed for 2,646 yards and a state-record 40 touchdowns. Redshirt freshman Gabe Lindstrom (6-4, 220), a high profile player at Bisbee two years ago, is now in the program. Quarterback looks solid.

Little Pascal Volz (5-10, 175) is back. He caught 37 passes for 514 yards and five TDs last year. So is safety Paul Shields (6-2, 215) and injured nose guard Tony Griswold (6-4, 240), two of the better JC players in Arizona. Lance Lohrenz (6-0, 220) and Brandon Tyree (5-11, 225) are tough linebackers. Shawn Wright (6-3, 220) will start at defense end and Tony Millanes (5-11, 195) will join Shields in the secondary.

If teams double up on Volz, speedy (4.5) Hud Romero (5-10, 165) should be open. Or Nikko Cooper (6-4, 185),

Arizona Junior College Blue-Chippers

RB ...Troy Campbell.....	6-0, 180, So.....	Glendale CC
RB ...Gerald Green.....	5-9, 170, Fr.....	Eastern Arizona
WR ...Daniel Jones	6-0, 180, So.....	Mesa CC
WR ...Nikko Cooper.....	6-4, 185, So.....	Scottsdale CC
WR ...Pascal Volz.....	5-10, 175, So.....	Scottsdale CC
TE ...Roderick Robinson....	6-5, 245, So.....	Arizona Western
OL ...Justin Moss	6-3, 270, So.....	Glendale CC
PK ...Chris Estes	6-2, 175, So.....	Mesa CC
DL ...Tony Griswold	6-4, 240, So.....	Scottsdale CC
DL ...Mac Smith	6-3, 270, So.....	Mesa CC
DL ...Kane Dale	6-2, 235, So.....	Glendale CC
LB ...Adam Hayden	6-1, 238, So.....	Mesa CC
LB ...Jason Daigle.....	6-2, 235, So.....	Glendale CC
DB...Paul Shields.....	6-2, 215, So.....	Scottsdale CC
DB...Koszhee McGriff	6-1, 185, So.....	Phoenix College
DB...Harold Barnes	5-11, 180, So.....	Eastern Arizona

another talented newcomer. Sam Koch (6-1, 260), J.R. Directo (6-3, 280) and Jesse Hart (6-5, 280) are down linemen. Koch is the Artichokes' center.

The successful SCC recruiting arm reached into the East Valley and plucked Matt Griffith (6-3, 235), winner of the Brian Murray Award as the state's best interior lineman, and Tim Croff (6-3, 265), the national high school heavyweight wrestling champion from Mesa Dobson.

"We might not be as talented, but we should be better overall," insists Jacobsen, whose club opens Sept. 2 at Eastern Arizona.

Last year the **ARIZONA WESTERN** offense averaged 32 points per game. But the defense, which started eight freshmen, had problems. "We have some good returnees back," says Walt Criner, whose Matadors finished 3-7. "We are excited about our recruits."

Of the 25 returning lettermen, 6-5, 245-pound tight end Roderick Robinson is the most visible. The gifted sophomore runs 40 yards in 4.8 seconds and has everybody's praise. That's everybody in the league. In Brian McKenzie (5-10, 180, 4.5) and Illy Allen (5-5, 155, 4.4) Western may have the smallest – but quickest – backfield in the state. At any level. Chris Gilbert (6-4, 285) and a beefy collection of down linemen will block for them. Speedy Marcellus Meredith (5-11, 185, 4.5) and big Victor Twatagaloa (6-4, 290) are solid defensive players.

John Allen, a former Arizona State assistant, takes over the struggling **PHOENIX COLLEGE** program. The Bears, 1-8 in 1994, were once the pride

of the Arizona JC ranks. Over two dozen letter winners return, but a lack of linemen and depth could take its toll by mid-season.

Both the receiving and secondary corps looks solid. Talented Koszhee McGriff (6-1, 185, 4.5) and teammates Daniel Keys (6-0, 195) and Joe Semien (6-2, 215) make up three-fourths of the Bears' secondary. Wideouts Creg Spann (6-1, 175) and Reggie Hill (6-4, 200) are dangerous receivers.

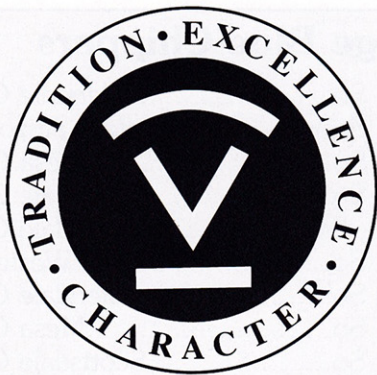
On the defensive side of the ball, Allen and his staff hope linebacker Zabotka Colbert (6-1, 225) and down linemen like Matt Rojas (6-2, 240) and Greg Brainson (6-2, 235) come through, and stay healthy.

The name of the game at **EASTERN** is numbers. Can the Gila Monsters fill a full roster after dropping the sport for a year?

"We will have only four weeks to get the team ready," says first-year coach Paul Tidwell. "We did have a good recruiting year considering the late start."

One good example of that is halfback Gerald Green (5-9, 170), a talented back from Mesa. Last fall the former Jackrabbit rushed for 1,294 yards for the Purple Gang – 3,707 during his career. When defenses key on Green, speedy (4.4) Julius Davenport (6-0, 175) is a go to receiver. Big Lance Washburn (6-7, 320) will anchor the Monsters' line.

Defensively, Josh DeSpain (6-0, 225) and Mike Ulichny (6-3, 235) make up a young but good linebacker corps. Tim Dorsey (6-5, 255) has one end covered. Sophomore transfer Harold Barnes (5-11, 180) will start at safety. He's a good one.



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man to eight-man teams. In the eight-man game, there are five linemen and three backs. The game is played according to 11-man rules, but on the 80-yard by 40-yard fields of six-man.

Six-man football was a wild, free-scoring game, with a lot of scores resembling basketball games. It was expected that by changing to eight-man the game will slow down, and cut down on scoring. The 45-point mercy rule was junked. This rule stated that when a team had a 45-point lead in the second half, the game ended.

The Devils, who won the last three Class C state crowns, were again favored. A large number of lettermen returned, starting with Jerry Russell, one of the top scorers in the state.

"Eight-man ball appears to have many things in its favor," wrote Dave Hicks of *The Arizona Republic*. "Chief among these is the fact that the game bears a much closer resemblance to 11-man football. It is not dominated by one player. And, for the most part, the placing of four additional players on the field helps reduce the adding machine scores."

But the change, for scrimmage purposes, involved at least four more capable players. Some of the state's six-man clubs were struggling to keep players in uniform. One was McNary.

The 1967 *Arizona Republic* preseason No. 1 pick dropped its opener in Fredonia, 48-31. Quarterback Jason Bundy wrecked the Devils' hopes with five touchdowns. Frank Holland and Paul Flanagan scored for McNary. It was the only loss in their high school careers.

"You'd be surprised what a difference eight-man ball did to us," says Roybal from his home in San Manuel. "Just the two extra positions hurt us. We finished the Fredonia game with seven players. We only had nine on the whole team. One time, just to scrimmage, Pete and I dressed out with the kids. Can you see a coach doing that today? I hurt my knee and had to have surgery. Now, 30 years later, I have to go back in and have surgery again."

Coaches Roybal, Julian Castillo and Ted Green, the Devils' last eight-man coach, closed out the books on McNary football.

"Just when the town started slipping, we cannot pinpoint," wrote historian Jo Ann Hatch. "It happened gradually. The theater was the first to go. The hotel and restaurant burned down. The barber shop closed. The bank moved. The clinic and hospital closed. The general store was torn down. The sawmill burned and was not replaced. Weeds grew high in the yards ..."

THE LAST TITLE

McNary's Green Devils made their first appearance in the state basketball tournament in 1959, when all classes were combined. They dropped their opener to Superior, then fell to Douglas in the consolation bracket.

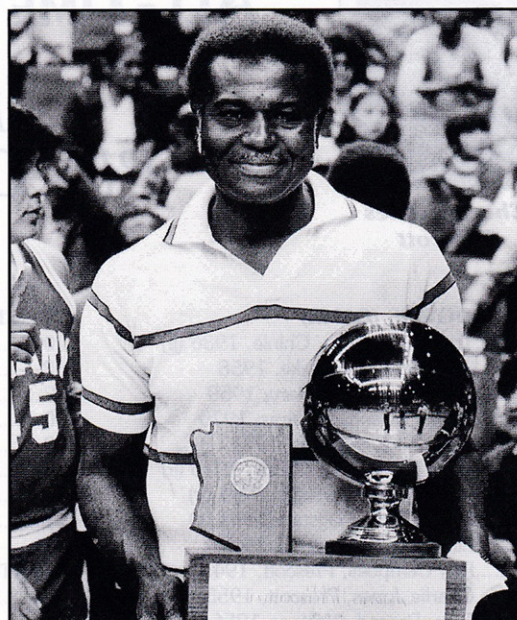
One year later the A.I.A. switched to a four-class system, with AA, A, B and C schools competing separately. McNary hit the jackpot and beat Lakeside, 68-47, in the finals. Coached by Dick Lucas, the Devils compiled a 22-1 record, with their only loss to the Class B state champs, St. Johns.

Historically, it may have been the best "small school" cage team in Arizona history. Two Devils earned all-state honors, senior Jewell Russell and junior Robert Hardy.

Sophomore Willie Nash was a member of the team, and so was George Herman, later a football star at Northern Arizona University. Both Hardy and Nash starred at NAU too, but in basketball.

Nash was one of the biggest stars ever at McNary, and once scored 59 points in a high school game. At NAU he set a school career scoring record which stood for years, and had a short stint with the Phoenix Suns.

Lucas left for greener pastures, guiding Phoenix Camelback to the 1964 Class AA crown. Coaches Pete Duca, Fred Roybal, Herman Jacobs and Jesse Farthing finished out the run. In less than two decades, McNary won eight



Coach Jesse Farthing

Class C cage crowns and finished runnerup three times.

In 1978, McNary pulled off a major upset in the finals, which matched the Devils (15-9) against Seligman (22-2). Sparked by Mike McCord and Jesse Farthing, McNary prevailed 70-59. Coach Farthing later watched his son and McCord star in the '79 finals, a 67-52 win over Patagonia.

It was the school's last title.

Perhaps the most amazing fact about McNary is that the school seldom had more than 50 students. When it closed, a big chapter in Arizona sports history came to an end.

Michael Oestreicher

Yes, it went slowly. In 1973, McNary High was selected as one of seven Arizona schools to experiment with space satellites transmitting educational television into classrooms.

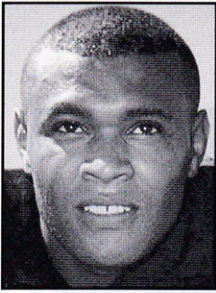
By 1977, only five students graduated. Basketball-football star Victor Shumate was the only senior boy. In May of 1980, the high school closed. Exactly 42 students were out of luck.

Then, in September of 1990, the White Mountain Apache Tribe decided not to renew any leases with non-Apache homeowners. "What they told us," said Vera Blake, who had lived in McNary for 50 years, "was that we could take our houses with us or leave them, in which

case they would go to the Indians, with no compensation for the owners."

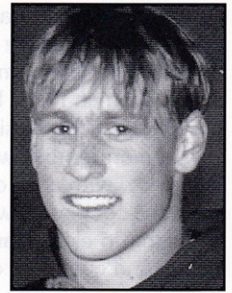
It's a sad place now, with its main industry gone and few residents remaining. The community lived on borrowed time. When the mill burned in 1979, Southwest Forest built a new one, near Eagar. The industrial heart of the town was gone for good.

"Last Easter my wife and I drove through McNary," says Duca from his California home. "It was a real sad sight. Everything was gone. The stores. The theater. We stayed about two minutes and turned around. If you lived there when we did, it's hard to go back."

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TOUCHDOWNS (GAME)

- 8.....Trent Thompson, Chinle, 1986 (jr)
- 6.....Joe Spear, Snowflake, 1958
- 6.....Jewell Russell, McNary, 1959
- 6.....Dillard Nelson, Williams, 1970
- 6.....Kit Landry, Williams, 1971
- 6.....Trent Thompson, Chinle, 1986 (jr)
- 6.....Caesar Polk, Flagstaff, 1991 (jr)
- 6.....Caesar Polk, Flagstaff, 1991 (jr)
- 5.....Elmer Shull, Kingman, 1927
- 5.....Roy Campbell, Prescott, 1945
- 5.....Charlie Jones, Prescott, 1955
- 5.....Terry Penrod, McNary, 1956
- 5.....Burton Belton, Winslow, 1958
- 5.....Emmett Wesler, Williams, 1961
- 5.....James Dugan, Flagstaff, 1963
- 5.....Lewis Renfro, Winslow, 1963
- 5.....Jack Johnson, Round Valley, 1969
- 5.....Bud Nash, Kingman, 1970
- 5.....Pat Rubio, St. Johns, 1970
- 5.....Sid Udall, Round Valley, 1973
- 5.....Danny Beckworth, Page, 1975
- 5.....Danny Beckworth, Page, 1975
- 5.....David Trueblood, Coconino, 1981
- 5.....Stan Gill, Flagstaff, 1981
- 5.....David Winsley, Flagstaff, 1985
- 5.....Scott Heap, St. Johns, 1987
- 5.....George Krekelberg, Camp Verde, 1987
- 5.....Jeremy Hathcock, Blue Ridge, 1989 (jr)
- 5.....Scooter Sprotte, Blue Ridge, 1993 (jr)
- 5.....Frank Girardi, Blue Ridge, 1994

TOUCHDOWNS (SEASON)

- 38.....Scooter Sprotte, Blue Ridge, 1994
- 35.....Stan Gill, Flagstaff, 1981
- 35.....Jeremy Hathcock, Blue Ridge, 1989
- 33.....Dillard Nelson, Williams, 1970
- 29.....Danny Beckwith, Page, 1975
- 29.....David Winsley, Flagstaff, 1985
- 28.....Ron Carillo, Round Valley, 1966 (jr)
- 28.....Caesar Polk, Flagstaff, 1991 (jr)
- 27.....Guy Grover, Prescott, 1987
- 26.....Tom Fruth, Payson, 1981
- 26.....Chris Matthews, Round Valley, 1981
- 26.....Trent Thompson, Chinle, 1987
- 26.....Spencer Ellsworth, St. Johns, 1991 (jr)
- 26.....Marcus Bell, St. Johns, 1994
- 26.....Jason Kislingbury, Winslow, 1994 (so)

TOUCHDOWNS (CAREER)

- 70.....Travis Palmer, Camp Verde, 1988-91
- 62.....David Winsley, Flagstaff, 1983-85
- 62.....Scooter Sprotte, Blue Ridge, 1992-94
- 60.....Jeremy Hathcock, Blue Ridge, 1988-90
- 59.....Stan Gill, Flagstaff, 1979-81
- 53.....Caesar Polk, Flagstaff, 1991-92
- 52.....Tom Fruth, Payson, 1978-81
- 51.....Mark Hamblin, Round Valley, 1969-71

POINTS (GAME)

- 48.....Trent Thompson, Chinle, 1986 (jr)
- 40.....Kit Landry, Williams, 1971
- 38.....Joe Spear, Snowflake, 1958
- 38.....Dillard Nelson, Williams, 1970
- 38.....Trent Thompson, Chinle, 1986 (jr)
- 36.....Caesar Polk, Flagstaff, 1991 (jr)
- 36.....Caesar Polk, Flagstaff, 1991 (jr)

POINTS (SEASON)

- 246.....Jeremy Hathcock, BR, 1989 (jr)
- 229.....Stan Gill, Flagstaff, 1981
- 228.....Scooter Sprotte, Blue Ridge, 1994
- 214.....Dillard Nelson, Williams, 1970
- 180.....David Winsley, Flagstaff, 1985
- 180.....Trent Thompson, Chinle, 1987
- 168.....Caesar Polk, Flagstaff, 1991 (jr)
- 164.....Jason Kislingbury, Winslow, 1994 (so)
- 162.....Billy Hatcher, Williams, 1978
- 162.....Chris Matthews, Round Valley, 1981
- 162.....Guy Grover, Prescott, 1987

POINTS (CAREER)

- 420.....Travis Palmer, Camp Verde, 1988-91
- 404.....Jeremy Hathcock, Blue Ridge, 1988-90
- 377.....Stan Gill, Flagstaff, 1979-81
- 372.....David Winsley, Flagstaff, 1983-85
- 372.....Scooter Sprotte, Blue Ridge, 1992-94
- 324.....Dillard Nelson, Williams, 1969-70
- 320.....Caesar Polk, Flagstaff, 1991-92
- 316.....Mark Hamblin, Round Valley, 1969-71
- 315.....James Dugan, Flagstaff, 1960-63
- 312.....Tom Fruth, Round Valley, 1978-81

RUSHING YARDS (GAME)

- 469.....Stanley Jackson, Chinle, 1976
- 426.....Aaron Craig, Window Rock, 1993
- 403.....Joey Capps, Mohave, 1993

- 402.....Burton Belton, Winslow, 1958
- 339.....Scooter Sprotte, Blue Ridge, 1994
- 330.....Joe Spear, Snowflake, 1958
- 329.....David Winsley, Flagstaff, 1985
- 311.....Joey Capps, Mohave, 1993
- 303.....David Winsley, Flagstaff, 1984 (jr)

CARRIES (GAME)

- 48.....Joey Capps, Mohave, 1993
- 37.....Jason Kislingbury, Winslow, 1994 (so)

RUSHING YARDS (SEASON)

- 2,961...Scooter Sprotte, Blue Ridge, 1994
- 2,187...David Winsley, Flagstaff, 1984 (jr)
- 2,123...Tom Fruth, Payson, 1981
- 2,114...David Winsley, Flagstaff, 1985
- 2,111...Stan Gill, Flagstaff, 1981
- 2,062...Jeremy Hathcock, Blue Ridge, 1989
- 1,972...Jason Kislingbury, Winslow, 1994 (so)
- 1,926...Caesar Polk, Flagstaff, 1991 (jr)
- 1,923...Marcus Bell, St. Johns, 1994
- 1,911...Ammon Lambson, St. Johns, 1990
- 1,893...Scooter Sprotte, Blue Ridge, 1993 (jr)
- 1,876...Chris Matthews, Round Valley, 1981

RUSHING YARDS (CAREER)

- 5,069...Scooter Sprotte, Blue Ridge, 1992-94
- 4,985...Travis Palmer, Camp Verde, 1988-91
- 4,880...David Winsley, Flagstaff, 1983-85
- 4,461...Stan Gill, Flagstaff, 1979-81
- 4,265...Tom Fruth, Payson, 1978-81
- 3,877...Jeremy Hathcock, Blue Ridge, 1988-90
- 3,794...John Udall, Round Valley, 1982-84
- 3,736...Chris Matthews, RV, 1979-81
- 3,370...Caesar Polk, Flagstaff, 1991-92
- 3,268...Jeff Holly, Blue Ridge, 1986-88
- 3,237...Marcus Bell, St. Johns, 1992-94

AVERAGE YARDS PER CARRY (SEASON)

- 13.6.....Marcus Bell, St. Johns, 1994
- 13.4.....Sid Udall, Round Valley, 1973
- 13.4.....Mike Gonzalez, Flagstaff, 1983
- 12.7.....David Moran, Bradshaw Mt., 1994 (jr)
- 12.3.....Scott Hamblin, Round Valley, 1980
- 11.8.....Joe Spear, Snowflake, 1958
- 11.4.....Scooter Sprotte, Blue Ridge, 1994
- 11.3.....Frank Girardi, Blue Ridge, 1994
- 11.2.....Fred Whipple, Snowflake, 1954

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11.0James Dugan, Flagstaff, 1963
11.0Danny Beckwith, Page, 1975

AVERAGE YARDS PER GAME (SEASON)

230.9 ...Aaron Craig, Window Rock, 1993
227.8 ...Scooter Sproutte, Blue Ridge, 1994
192.2 ...David Winsley, Flagstaff, 1985
182.3 ...David Winsley, Flagstaff, 1984 (jr)
181.0 ...Jeremy Hathcock, Blue Ridge, 1990

LONGEST TOUCHDOWN RUN

99Bob Bledsoe, Flagstaff, 1963
99Steve Moncibaez, Mingus, 1985 (so)
99Jason Kislingbury, Winslow, 1994 (so)
98Bill Hannah, Winslow, 1950
98Kelly LeSuer, Round Valley, 1976
97Reggie Edwards, Page, 1973
97Dennis Baker, Blue Ridge, 1983

QUARTERBACK SNEAK (TOUCHDOWN)

99Bob Bledsoe, Flagstaff, 1963
99Steve Moncibaez, Mingus, 1985 (so)

PASSING YARDS (GAME)

449Jarrett Huma, Hopi, 1988 (so)
440Jarrett Huma, Hopi, 1988 (so)
435Gentry Gillespie, Round Valley, 1991
393Jarrett Huma, Hopi, 1988 (so)
393David Nelson, Parker, 1988
380Paschal Kinsel, Chinle, 1977
365Mike Orewyler, Mohave, 1977

362Jarrett Huma, Hopi, 1988 (so)
354Audie McKee, Coconino, 1983
354Jarrett Huma, Hopi, 1988 (so)
324David Moran, Bradshaw Mt., 1993 (so)

PASSING YARDS (SEASON)

2,923 ...Jarrett Huma, Hopi, 1988 (so)
2,719 ...Gary McEwen, Snowflake, 1982
2,351 ...Yancey Ayres, Coconino, 1993
2,098 ...Audie McKee, Coconino, 1983
1,969 ...Willy Nikolaus, Show Low, 1990
1,902 ...Bryan Baker, Blue Ridge, 1991
1,895 ...Sammy Cockerel, Coconino, 1992
1,837 ...David Nelson, Parker, 1988
1,822 ...Dave Davison, Coconino, 1984
1,776 ...David Moran, Bradshaw Mt., 1993 (so)
1,767 ...Willy Nikolaus, Show Low, 1989 (jr)

PASSING YARDS (CAREER)

5,291 ...Jarrett Huma, Hopi, 1988-90
4,375 ...Joel England, Camp Verde, 1988-90
4,026 ...Travis Hill, Kingman, 1988-90
3,823 ...Willy Nikolaus, Show Low, 1988-90
3,741 ...Audie McKee, Coconino, 1982-83
3,736 ...David Moran, Bradshaw Mt. (active)
3,500 ...David Nelson, Parker, 1986-88

TOUCHDOWN PASSES (GAME)

7Jarrett Huma, Hopi, 1988 (so)
6Audie McKee, Coconino, 1983
6Willy Nikolaus, Show Low, 1990

6David Moran, Bradshaw Mt., 1994 (jr)
5Joe Atterholt, Page, 1969
5Eric Ramsey, Snowflake, 1983
5Bert Gough, Flagstaff, 1984
5Mike McMahn, Prescott, 1987
5Bret Hood, Camp Verde, 1987
5Joel England, Camp Verde, 1989 (jr)
5Steve Reeser, Prescott, 1991
5Sam Cockerel, Coconino, 1992
5Jason Curley, Ganado, 1993 (jr)

TOUCHDOWN PASSES (SEASON)

26Jarrett Huma, Hopi, 1988 (so)
26David Moran, Bradshaw Mt., 1994 (jr)
25Willy Nikolaus, Show Low, 1990
24Gary McEwen, Snowflake, 1982
23Joe Atterholt, Page, 1969
23Audie McKee, Coconino, 1983
23Bret Hood, Camp Verde, 1987
22Mike McMahn, Prescott, 1987
22Steve Reeser, Prescott, 1991
22David Moran, Bradshaw Mt., 1993 (so)

TOUCHDOWN PASSES (CAREER)

50David Moran, Bradshaw Mt. (active)
47Joel England, Camp Verde, 1988-90
45Willy Nikolaus, Show Low, 1988-90
42Travis Hill, Kingman, 1988-90
41Jarrett Huma, Hopi, 1988-90
40Audie McKee, Coconino, 1982-83 (2)

LONGEST TOUCHDOWN PASS

99Keola Bandman to Matt Hanners,
.....Page, 1986
97Eddie Hamblin to Dusty Eager,
.....Round Valley, 1981
96Rick Gwynne to Mike Epperson,
.....Flagstaff, 1988

RECEPTIONS (GAME)

19Bryan Marshall, Hopi, 1988 (so)
18Randy Nikolaus, Show Low, 1982 (jr)
18Mike Funk, Hopi, 1988
18Bryan Marshall, Hopi, 1988 (so)
17Mike Funk, Hopi, 1988
17Mike Funk, Hopi, 1988
13Mike Johnson, Parker, 1989
13Hermon Logan, Round Valley, 1991
12Dusty Eager, Round Valley, 1980 (jr)
12Ky Christiansen, Lake Havasu, 1987
12Bryan Marshall, Hopi, 1988 (so)
12Mike Johnson, Parker, 1989
12Steve Padilla, Kingman, 1993

RECEPTIONS (SEASON)

89Randy Nikolaus, Show Low, 1982 (jr)
83Mike Funk, Hopi, 1988
77Bryan Marshall, Hopi, 1988 (so)
77Mike Johnson, Parker, 1989
66D.L. Nikolaus, Snowflake, 1962
60Tony Tate, Snowflake, 1982
59Clifford Nodman, Hopi, 1989
57Brian Merrill, Show Low, 1990
56Brian Merrill, Show Low, 1989 (jr)

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54Brian Maxwell, Show Low, 1989
53David Kiepke, Camp Verde, 1990

RECEPTIONS (CAREER)

135Mike Johnson, Parker, 1987-89
133Brian Merrill, Show Low, 1988-90
132Herman Logan, Round Valley, 1988-91

RECEIVING YARDS (GAME)

321Mike Funk, Hopi, 1988
318Bryan Marshall, Hopi, 1988 (so)
313Mike Funk, Hopi, 1988
299Mike Funk, Hopi, 1988
289Bryan Marshall, Hopi, 1988 (so)
239Mike Johnson, Parker, 1989
234Darrin Parker, Prescott, 1983 (jr)
230Phillip Miller, Coconino, 1983

RECEIVING YARDS (SEASON)

1,276Mike Johnson, Parker, 1989
1,220Mike Funk, Hopi, 1988
1,110Mark Young, Coconino, 1993
1,088Bryan Marshall, Hopi, 1988 (so)

RECEIVING YARDS (CAREER)

2,137Herman Logan, Round Valley, 1988-91
2,126Mike Johnson, Parker, 1987-89

TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS (GAME)

5George Krekelberg, Camp Verde, 1987
4Marcellus Spradley, Winslow, 1943
4Mike Flake, Snowflake, 1982
4Bryan Marshall, Hopi, 1988 (so)
4Dan Dorsey, Bradshaw Mt., 1994 (so)

TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS (SEASON)

15Domonic DeMark, Prescott, 1991
15Gerald Urlaub, Bradshaw Mt., 1991
14Mark Cibik, Coconino, 1982
13Mike Funk, Hopi, 1988
13Mike Johnson, Parker, 1989
13Dan Dorsey, Bradshaw Mt., 1994 (so)
12David Merrill, Show Low, 1990
11Bryan Marshall, Hopi, 1988 (so)
11Mike Johnson, Parker, 1988 (jr)
11David Kiepke, Camp Verde, 1989 (jr)

TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS (CAREER)

24Mike Johnson, Parker, 1987-89
23Dusty Eager, Round Valley, 1979-81
20David Kiepke, Camp Verde, 1989-90
20Greg Book, Kingman, 1989-90

INTERCEPTIONS (SEASON)

13Jeremy Ryan, St. Johns, 1994
13Danny Arellano, Blue Ridge, 1994
12Chad Ence, St. Johns, 1989 (jr)
11Chris Patterson, St. Johns, 1977 (jr)
11Drayton Martin, Round Valley, 1987
11T. D. Hall, Blue Ridge, 1988 (jr)
11Willie Martinez, Parker, 1988
11David Moran, Bradshaw Mt., 1993 (so)
10P. Holt, Mingus, 1968
10Stuart Moring, Round Valley, 1980

10George Pryer, Flagstaff, 1982
10Eric Lane, Coconino, 1983
10James Merrill, Mingus, 1988
10Travis McClendon, Mingus, 1990

INTERCEPTIONS (CAREER)

24Troy Gilliland, Parker, 1982-85
21David Moran, Bradshaw Mt. (active)
20Chad Ence, St. Johns, 1989-90

INTERCEPTIONS (GAME)

4Kevin Stars, Window Rock, 1974
4Trent Thompson, Chinle, 1986 (jr)
4Tommy Stamps, Bradshaw Mt., '88 (jr)
4Jason Edwards, Kingman, 1993
4Danny Caputo, Sinagua, 1993
4Danny Arellano, Blue Ridge, 1994

LONGEST INTERCEPTION RETURN

104Bill Kerr, Kingman, 1952
103Greg Turner, Flagstaff, 1978
102Edgar Brown, Williams, 1968
100Mark Faucher, Winslow, 1971

TD INTERCEPTIONS (GAME)

3Nate Bly, Winslow, 1961

FIELD GOALS (GAME)

4Eddie Hamblin, Round Valley, 1980 (jr)
4Eddie Hamblin, Round Valley, 1981
3Art Kerrick, Coconino, 1978
3Rick Savedra, Round Valley, 1970
3Bob McGeary, Lake Havasu, 1974
3James Crutchfield, Snowflake, 1975
3Richard Lowell, St. Johns, 1977
3Sean Pavlich, Prescott, 1978
3Jim Long, Kingman, 1982
3Chris Ellis, Blue Ridge, 1987
3Andrew Stuck, Tuba City, 1988
3Greg Salyers, Blue Ridge, 1994 (jr)

FIELD GOALS (SEASON)

11Tony Butts, Lake Havasu, 1976
11Eddie Hamblin, Round Valley, 1981
11Dean Roney, Winslow, 1983 (jr)
10Bob McGeary, Lake Havasu, 1974
10Dean Roney, Winslow, 1984
10Mike Cook, St. Johns, 1990 (jr)

FIELD GOALS (CAREER)

21Dean Roney, Winslow, 1983-84
20Herik Mandel, Coconino, 1980-82
19Bob McGeary, Lake Havasu, 1972-74
19Eddie Hamblin, Round Valley, 1979-81

LONGEST FIELD GOALS

52Dean Roney, Winslow, 1984
51Hank Lopez, Flagstaff, 1975
51Brian Rau, Flagstaff, 1990
50Brian Abraham, Kingman, 1979
48Bob McGeary, Lake Havasu, 1973 (jr)
48Allen Meacham, Coconino, 1984
48Jarom Willis, Round Valley, 1993
48Brandon Bonney, Prescott, 1990

PATS (GAME)

12Alex Shores, Page, 1974 (jr)
9Cowen Hamblin, Round Valley, 1973
9Alex Shores, Page, 1974 (jr)
8Alex Shores, Page, 1974 (jr)
8Alex Shores, Page, 1974 (jr)

PATS (SEASON)

59Greg Salyers, Blue Ridge, 1994 (jr)
50Alex Shores, Page, 1974 (jr)
49Jason Edwards, Bradshaw Mt., 1994
48Joe Caldwell, Snowflake, 1993 (jr)
44Kenny Walker, Round Valley, 1980
43Blaine Crowther, Snowflake, 1992
43Katie Tribble, Flagstaff, 1994 (jr)
42Dawson Gofourth, Flagstaff, 1985
41Brian Rau, Flagstaff, 1988 (so)

CONSECUTIVE PATS

45Dawson Gofourth, Flagstaff, 1984-85

PATS (CAREER)

109Blaine Crowther, Snowflake, 1990-92
91Eddie Hamblin, Round Valley, 1979-81

LONGEST PUNT

90J.T. Ellsworth, Snowflake, 1985 (jr)
89Domonic DeMark, Prescott, 1991
87Don Ohnstead, Snowflake, 1949
80Lee Daniels, Kingman, 1943
78Jack Miller, Flagstaff, 1960
78David Kiepke, Camp Verde, 1990

PUNTING AVERAGE (SEASON)

52.0J.T. Ellsworth, Snowflake, 1985 (jr)
49.3Trent Thompson, Chinle, 1987
47.8Domonic DeMark, Prescott, 1991
46.8Gary Williams, Blue Ridge, 1974
46.4Trent Thompson, Chinle, 1986 (jr)
46.3David Kiepke, Camp Verde, 1990

LONGEST FUMBLE RECOVERY (TD)

99Ryan Noble, Show Low, 1988
98Mike Hayes, Kingman, 1967
97Mike Baughman, Kingman, 1981
97Mike Esquibel, Kingman, 1993

LONGEST PUNT RETURN (TD)

98Derald Cox, Flagstaff, 1968
97Charley Jones, Prescott, 1955
97Don Track, Parker, 1968
96James Dugan, Flagstaff, 1962
96Andrew Porter, Flagstaff, 1985

TOUCHDOWNS-PUNT RETURNS (GAME)

3Paul Russell, Flagstaff, 1934

LONGEST KICKOFF RETURN (TD)

105George Krekelberg, Camp Verde, 1988
100Brian Robinson, Kingman, 1983
99Kelly LeSueur, Round Valley, 1975 (jr)
99Tony Squieri, Lake Havasu, 1981
99Myran Hansen, Coconino, 1986 (jr)
99Danny Caputo, Sinagua, 1993

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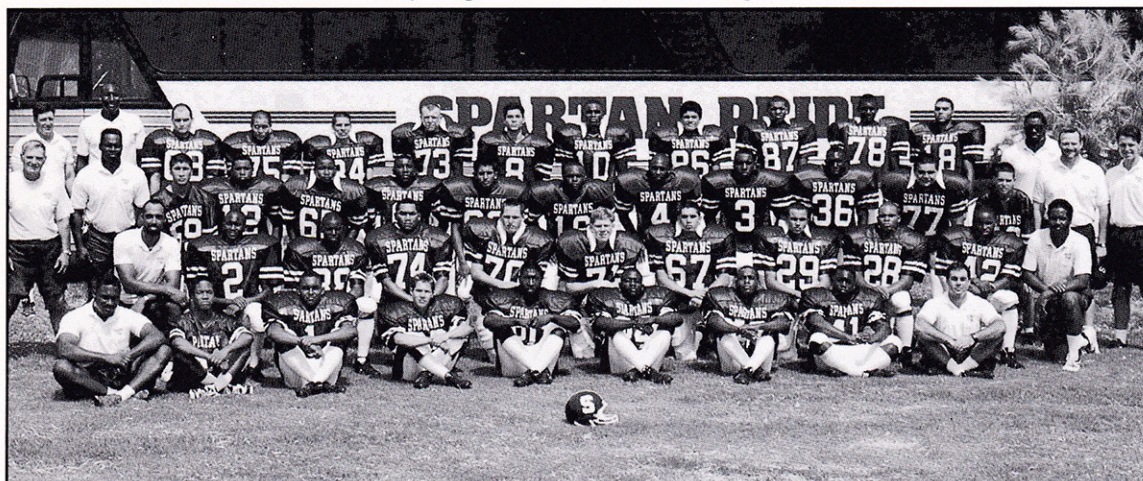


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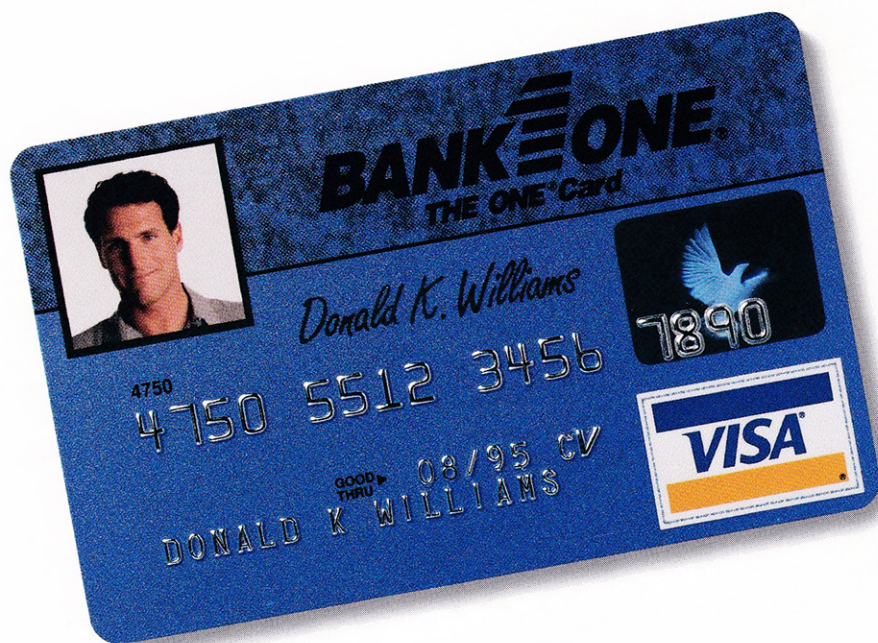


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